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Happy Holidays

Astronaut Takes Students on Space Journey

ROBYN GIBILISCO

Production Editor

Imagine launching into space at 100 mph, coming out of the clouds, 210 mph completely vertical at 2100 feet, and reaching supersonic speeds at 20,000 feet.

NASA astronaut James F. Reilly II, discussed being in space and the opportunities in science to a group of students from UNO, Nemaha Valley High School, and various elementary schools Monday. The presentation was also made available via the internet.

Reilly obtained a bachelor of science degree in geosciences from the University of Texas-Dallas. From there, he advanced his education and received his doctorate in geosciences in 1995.

NASA selected Reilly in December 1994. Since then

he has spent a more than 211 hours in space. Reilly is assigned to the STS-104 mission scheduled to launch May 17, during which he is scheduled to perform three space walks related to the assembly of the International Space Station. The ISS will provide an orbital laboratory for long-term research.

In his presentation, Reilly talked about his flight on the Space Shuttle Endeavor to Mir. The images of the flight were brought to life by a Reilly's speech and a video of the flight. The flight to the Shuttle-Mir, was the eighth docking mission where the crew transferred equipment, hardware and water. The mission lasted about 8 days and 19 hours, which the crew traveled 3.6 million miles and had 138 orbits of the Earth.

Reilly also covered the benefits of research in space. The medical benefits of conducting science in space could lead to new drugs and a new understanding of the building blocks of life. The pressure of the gravity on the experiments is much different than on Earth. Due to this, diseases such as cancer, can be examined much closer. Some of the other areas that are examined in space are alloys, proteins, and more powerful computer chips.

When the floor was opened students asked a wide variety of questions including:

Would NASA ever conduct a flight to Mars?

NASA is looking very seriously on going to Mars. They have targeted the next four years as being the realm of trying to send somebody. It would be a three-year round trip.

Why is going to Mars important?

You have to know where you are from to know where you are going. It helps if we can look back and see what the simple systems are and to understand the more complex.

The presentation ended with students questions and concerns. Before leaving Reilly gave potential astronauts a piece of advice, "Don't ever give up!"



NASA Astronaut James F. Reilly talks to students about different opportunities in science and technology.

CM Chris Machian

Health Program Offers Membership to Students, Faculty

MATT BURKEY

Staff Writer

The UNO community is invited to join the new Fitness and Weight management for life program.

Although the program is several years old, it has been re-worked. Before the program had a specific start and end date, but now it goes all year round.

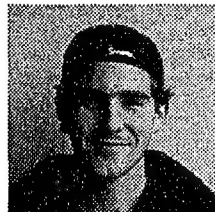
The program's main goal is to educate about a safe and

healthy life style. It also aims to introduce its members to a fitness routine. The program does this by offering supervised weight training, aerobic training and presentations by guest speakers in the field of fitness.

The program is offered to both students and faculty at UNO. There are currently three memberships available: \$35 for three months, \$60 for six months and \$100 dollars for a year. For more information call 554-3221.

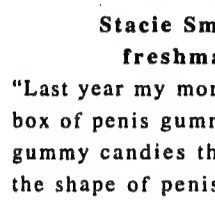
WHAT'S THE WORD?

What is the worst Christmas present you have ever got?
By Samantha Harvey - News Editor



Bart Thompson,
freshman

"The worst present I got was one of my dad's girlfriends got me a set kitchen magnets in the shape of a bean pod with peas inside of it."



Stacie Smith,
freshman

"Last year my mom got me a box of penis gummies. The gummy candies that are in the shape of penises."



Justin Marshall,
freshman

"A sweater that was knitted that was sent to me by my grandma. It was blue and looked like an old person's sweater."



Mike Robinson,
senior

"A pair of white knee-high socks with red stripes on them."



Rusty Gunter,
senior

"The worst Christmas present I ever got was a pair of shoes that tore up the first time I wore them."



Candy Jones,
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"The worst Christmas present I ever got was a green sweater that looked like someone pulled it out of grandma's bag."



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One On One With Sir David Willcocks

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

Sir David Willcocks will be conducting the UNO Concert Choir in "An English Christmas" Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Strauss Performing Arts Center.

Sir David, former Director of the Royal College of Music in London, began his musical study at Clifton College in Bristol, England in 1934 and continued at King's College, Cambridge in 1939. He served in His Majesty's armed forces during World War II, earning the Military Cross. Sir David was knighted by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth in 1977.

Through his travels, Sir David has held the maestro's baton with the City of Birmingham Choir and the Bradford Festival Choral Society. Back at Cambridge, he was named Director of Music at King's College, while simultaneously holding the musical directorship of The Bach Choir in London.

Holding honorary degrees from no less than twelve colleges and universities, Sir David now travels the globe teaching workshops and giving concerts.

We sat down with this delightful gentleman Thursday for a chat.



Courtesy Photo

Gateway: Your travels have taken you to New Zealand, Hong Kong, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Canada, Africa and now Omaha. How did you come to land in our fair city?

Willcocks: I first came to Omaha in 1991 when Dr. Z. Randall Stroope invited me here. I enjoyed it very much, and he invited me to return. It's my fourth visit now, and it's been great fun working with the Nebraska-Omaha choir and the splendid children's choir, Bel Canto.

Gateway: You've devoted your life to classical music. Why is it, do you think, this type of music is so timeless?

Willcocks: I think it's part of the human experience. Most people like music in some form. If you go to Africa, that culture has its own music, just like China or India. Western music has developed in a certain way, and I think people find it uplifting. Most people enjoy singing and most everybody can sing. After all, the human voice doesn't cost much. I think people who do sing get an immense enjoyment out of life.

Gateway: Sir David, you are a teacher, a conductor, an arranger, and an organist. Which discipline gives you the most pleasure?

Willcocks: I suppose with conducting, it's the fruits of the work when you see the finished product, but with teaching, you're preparing people for their own experiences. I find teaching very stimulating, because while you are giving out, you are getting back. I also find it stimulating working with people who want to learn. It's great fun to help them on their way. I look back over my life and am very grateful to the people who influenced me.

Gateway: As a teacher, you yourself have influenced many world-renown artists, including bass Michael George, Simon Carrington (member of "The King's Singers"), Vancouver Symphony conductor Bruce Pullan, and alto Timothy Brown, director of the Cambridge University Chamber.

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Broke Before the Holidays? It's Time to Create Personal Gifts

JENNIFER MEESE

The State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) LANSING, Mich. - When she moved to Michigan to attend Michigan State University, Roxanne Monti was surprised by the amount of cards, candles, ornaments and basic household items people make themselves.

Growing up in Chicago, the psychology senior didn't know many people who took the time to make crafts.

"There's a lot more homemade stuff here," Monti said. "Since moving to Michigan, I do crafts more."

Making crafts, from wrapping paper to magnets to clothes, becomes more popular around the winter holidays. Homemade items provide a unique alternative to store-bought gifts, and the lower prices appeal to college students' smaller budgets.

Crafts are starting to become popular after a decade-long hiatus, said Mariluise Mohr, a Bath Township resident who specializes in arts and crafts history.

"They diminished a bit in the '90s, when computers (became common)," said Mohr, who teaches crochet, knitting, embroidery and needlepoint classes at Michael's Arts and Crafts in the Frandor Shopping Center. "People are getting tired of that - they want some origination. Hobbies are coming back."

Mohr said she tries to persuade people to make their own presents.

"Especially at Christmastime, I'm encouraging people to do things for the holidays," she said.

Monti and her husband are both students, so they don't have much money to spare for gifts.

"We're broke, so we're being creative and making stuff," she said. She often decorates objects with rubber stamps, and this year she plans to make Christmas ornaments.

Hobby Hub in the Frandor Shopping Center sells more crafts around the holidays, manager Sara Dutcher said. The store carries juvenile crafts such as jewelry sets aimed at 10- to 14-year-olds and stained glass, garden stones and woodburning kits.

"A lot of parents buy them for their kids because the kids like to do them and the parents like to receive them," Dutcher said.

It's this personal touch that makes a difference.

"It's very personal, especially among family members - they love it," Mohr said. "These become little heirlooms eventually."

Lansing resident Hilary Hodges said personalizing gifts touches her friends and family.

"I've found people are so flattered when you give them something you made, even if it's crappy,"

Hodges said. She sews clothing such as ties, pants, skirts and suits.

People also value the time put into homemade gifts, Monti said.

"Last year, I made cards for people at work and they really appreciated it," she said.

While it has drawn some people away from making homemade items, the Internet provides "a vast proliferation of materials," Mohr said.

"You don't have to invent anything, you just have to put these things together," she said. "Nobody cooks from scratch anymore - that's what it amounts to."

Many processes of making crafts have been

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"It's very personal, especially among family members - they'll love it!"
-Mariluise Mohr
Bath Township Resident

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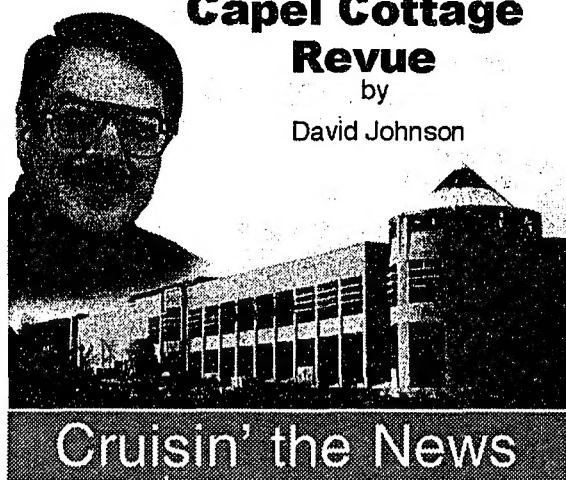
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Capel Cottage Revue

by
David Johnson

Cruisin' the News

• But Mom, This IS A Well-Rounded Video Game

To increase Christmas sales of the video game "Tomb Raider Chronicles," programmers from Core Design have given action figure Lara Croft a ... well, a cyber-breast implant. Croft will now sport a more rounded 38D bust and better-defined buttocks for the new video game. "It is not a case of making her vital statistics bigger," a Core Design spokeswoman said, "we have just added more detail. It is an illusion."

Illusion? Anybody who would buy that is a boob.

• Men Are Men Around The World

A national survey of 5,000 adults conducted for the Prime Minister's Office in Japan shows while 72.4 percent say men should help with the household chores, only 1.4 percent of the nation's men do their fair share. Most of the men believe work outside the home is their top priority.

That's just plain awful. I've always felt a man's top priority is in the home ... watching ESPN.

• Men Are Men Around The World, Part II

Researchers at the Indiana University School of Medicine have concluded men listen with only one side of their brain, and women listen with both sides. Tests were done using MRI images taken while a novel was being read to the study group. "We don't know if the difference is

because of the way we're raised, or it's hard-wired in the brain," Dr. Joseph Lurito said.

Funny, my study shows married men don't listen at all. But then, that's not due to a neurological problem. That's from years of dedicated practice.

• Travel Expenses-ive

A government employee for the City of Malmo in Sweden has been sentenced to perform 180 hours of community service after trying to pass off (as travel expenses) thousands of dollars spent on prostitutes and champagne. The unnamed 54-year old man shelled out the cash while on official business. He was planning future conferences for the City of Malmo's leisure department.

Perhaps he thought he was in the Foreign Affairs department.

• Don't Cry Over Spilled Gravy

Concerned that too many people are wasting too much gravy, Dr. Len Fisher of Bristol University has devised a mathematical formula to help us eat more and toss less. The formula is: Percent Gravy Uptake = $(W-d/s) \times 100$. W is the uncooked wet weight, d is the cooked dry weight and s is the shrinkage factor. He goes further to tell us that meat doesn't absorb gravy, so eat that first. Since green veggies absorb 15 percent of their weight in gravy in 30 seconds, eat them next. It takes potatoes 10 minutes to absorb 30 percent of their weight in gravy, so eat them last. Oh yeah, white bread absorbs 107 percent of its weight in gravy.

My son-in-law, John ("The Stomach That Walks Like A Man."), absorbs well over 100 percent of his weight in gravy in about 10 minutes.

• This Is A Professional. Do Not Attempt This Yourself.

RoadPeace, a charity organization for traffic victims, is backing a report that television ads showing cars racing madly down roads and highways is a "contributory factor" in automobile accidents. "People, particularly young men, are brain-washed into believing they have to own high-performance cars and drive them as they are depicted in advertisements," said RoadPeace spokeswoman Brigitte Chaudhry.

No brain-washing for me. My Ford Pinto only goes 45 mph, tops ... and chicks dig that.

• Holy Audit!

According to the newspaper, *Sevodnya*, the Russian Orthodox Church has just named St. Matthew patron saint of the country's ... tax police. Although Matthew never stormed into early Israeli buildings brandishing an AK-47 and wearing a black ski mask, he can probably still identify with the hated money collectors. November 29 has been designated St. Matthew's Day.

That's what Russia needs ... heavenly protection for tax police.

• Sooty Duty

News out of Pontypridd, Wales, says the children's farm park favorite — Sooty — a three-year old guinea pig, escaped from his cage 10 weeks ago and engaged in a night to remember. Apparently, Sooty wriggled through his bars, scrambled a few yards over to the females' cage, got inside and impregnated all 24 of them in one night. He proceeded to sleep for two straight days. There are 43 new guinea pig babies at the park.

My hero.

• Egg-sasperating Attacks Are No Yokes

The residents of Bridlington, Yorkshire, in England are fed up with juveniles pelting old-age pensioners and automobiles with eggs. Several people, including 78-year-old Sam Morley, have been cut by broken egg shells. So, the resort town enacted an "adults only" rule ... people must provide proof they are 18 years old before purchasing eggs in a store there.

I don't know, this hard-boiled decree seems to send those kids a scrambled message. Hey ... they all can't be hilarious.

• Finally ...

Speaking before the foreign exchange traders' conference in New Delhi, India, this week, Vedanta Life Institute founder, Swami Parthasarathy told the stressed out investors, "You've got to throw up your arms and say, 'I'm peaceful and happy. Happiness does not depend upon indices.'"

That's right. Money cannot buy happiness. But, it can buy a whole lot of chocolate, and gummi bears, and Play Stations, and those neat little folding scooters, and Canadian bacon and black olive pizzas, and ...

Death on Wheels

by Matt Burkey-Staff Writer

Life is not that bad. I hear people complain about the weather, the driver in front of you that tends to pay more attention to his cell phone than the road, and generally anything and everything. It seems like that's all people do anymore, and to tell you the truth life could be a whole lot worse.

For instance we could be living in the 24th century and facing a monstrous all devouring collective that stomps its way across the galaxy. We would have to face the fact that any day we could be turned into mindless zombies, even more so than we already are.

We could be living in the DC comic world were Lex Luthor or some other devious criminal master mind plots to take over the Earth by stealing thought waves or something.

We could be sitting right on top of the hellmouth, facing hordes and hordes of angry demon spawn from the underworld. I mean besides the spawn that seem to posses women at a clearance sale.

We could be living in the world that Orson Wells predicted. You know the one were we are constantly monitored by the thought police.

We could never know the emotion of love. Without love, Christmas, would never mean anything. Without love how would we express concern toward our family and friends?

We could be forced to censor what the TV and newspaper print, losing our free speech and ability to speak freely about our government.

We could be forced to conform to one religion. We could be forced to believe in what the masses wanted us to believe just for the sake of making things easier.

We could be engaged in a civil war, fighting against each other like our ancestors did so long ago. Brother against brother, mother against daughter, father against son.

So, when you are ready to complain remember all the things that could be happening. Thinking about the fact that there are far worse things in life. As for the weather, well we can't change that. And as for the guy with the cell phone, don't worry when he smacks another car, you have my permission to wave politely as you speed on by.

Kathy's Korner
a column by Kathy Meader

The Great Lie

It's that time of year again. You know the one, the New Year and "The Great Lie." Also known as the New Year's Resolution.

I said I wasn't going to make any resolutions last year; that was my resolution, but I broke it three weeks later when I made the resolution not to be so sarcastic.

I broke that one too, within a few days. In fact, my sarcasm is worse than ever, but I've resolved to work on it. Maybe.

I've made the resolution to lose weight over the coming year, and the only time that one was kept was the year I broke up with my boyfriend. Does that count? That was about 170 pounds lost...

My friends have also made resolutions. In fact, a friend and I both made a resolution at the end of last semester. It was rather

late to be making resolutions, but we did it anyway. We both said we would not cram for another test; we both lied. Neither of us have picked up a book since midterms, and we crammed for those too.

A teacher I know made a resolution to be more understanding to her students, but after the third week of hearing the excuse "the computer ate my homework," she too gave up her resolution and once again became the tough, stern teacher that I knew and loved.

Students swear at the end of the Fall Semester that they will become more diligent next semester. It's said with honesty and the intention to study harder, but then something happens. I'm not sure what it is, but it seems to be contagious.

I'm positive I've never met anybody who has actually kept their New Year's Resolution for an entire year. Come to think of it, I'm fairly certain I don't know anybody who has kept it for six months.

Oh, we all mean well at the time of the resolution, but Life gets in the way of them. School, husbands, mothers, brothers, tests, and mid-life crises become stumbling blocks to The Great Lie becoming the Sworn Truth.

So this year, or rather next year, being what some refer to as the "Real Millennium" and to others "just another year" I resolve not to make any more resolutions, except to study harder, get better grades, lose weight, and...

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Letters To The Editor

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More Holiday Fun

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

Since this is the final Gateway issue of the year, I thought it my civic duty to let you know there is still plenty of holiday fun to be had. Here are some upcoming events designed to keep you in the spirit of the season:

Concerts and Shows:

- Today, noon at the Joslyn Art Museum. "Holiday Under Glass" features the sounds of the Bellevue West High School Madrigal Singers. The concert takes place at the Museum Cafe, so dine while you listen. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for college students with ID. A guided tour of the Native American Art exhibit follows the concert.
- Tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m. at the Orpheum Theater. Maestro Victor Yampolsky, the Omaha Symphony and the Omaha Symphonic Chorus celebrate Handel's "Messiah." Guest artists include Sarah Lawrence, Callan Metts and Peter Van De Graff. For ticket information, call 342-3560.
- Saturday in the Old Market. It's a "Dickens Christmas" with the annual Dickens parade, Victorian carolers and great Christmas bargains. Free.
- Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at the Strauss Performing Arts Center. Sir David Willcocks conducts the UNO Concert Choir in an "English Christmas." Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered at 554-3427.
- Saturday, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Gene Leahy Mall. It's the "Sounds of the Season" under a million lights. Performing will be the Korean Presbyterian Church choir, Potest

Performers, and the Bellevue West High School Madrigal Singers. Free.

• Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at the Durham Western Heritage Museum. "Christmas at Union Station" offers local choirs performing your favorite holiday songs. Don't miss the museum's 50-foot Christmas tree which has been decorated with more than 12,000 lights and ornaments. Tickets: \$5 for adults. Call 444-5071 for more info.

• Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 2 & 7 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. The holiday classic "Miracle on 34th Street" on stage at The Rose. A family favorite, directed by James Larson. Call 345-4849 for various ticket prices.

• Dec. 14-17 at the Orpheum Theater. "Holiday Fanfare" is a family tradition here in Omaha. Resident conductor Ernest Richardson leads the Omaha Symphony in a gala celebration of the season. This year's guest artists include Dave Weber, Jay Terrel and the Voices of Victory, Opera Omaha Chorus, the Omaha Theater Company Dancers and Minneapolis' jazz ensemble, Moore by Four. For ticket and time info, call 342-3560.

Holiday Homes to Visit:

- "Christmas at the Dodge House" in Council Bluffs offers a look back at the Victorian era with a Christmas tree in every room. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets: \$4 for adults. For times and other information, call 325-1000.
- "Nineteenth Century Holidays" takes you on a trip back to the 1800s at the General Crook House Museum on the Metro Community College Fort Omaha campus. The house has been decorated with the



Victorian ornamentation imported to the American frontier. Cookies and cider will be served. Tickets: \$5 for adults. Call 455-9990 for times and information.

• "Twelve Rooms of Christmas" is this year's theme at the J. Sterling Morton house in the Arbor Lodge State Historical Park in Nebraska City. Spotlit on A&E's "Christmas Castles" program, each of the 32 rooms of the Arbor Lodge mansion has been decorated in a distinctive, holiday fashion. Tickets: \$3 for adults. For times, call 1-800-514-9113.

Holiday Light Shows

- "Holiday Wildlights at the Zoo" is a must-see. Now through Dec. 30, the Henry Doorly Zoo presents over a million lights and 500 displays in its 10th season of wowing Omaha families. The shows run Thursdays through Sundays from 5-7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$4 for adults, \$3 for zoo members.
- Council Bluffs offers "Winterfest Winter Wonderland" at Bayliss Park (1st Avenue & Pearl Street). Featured this year are an 18-foot fountain of light, animated displays, Victorian silhouette ice skaters, a trainload of packages and snowball fighting squirrels. 5-11 p.m. nightly. Free.

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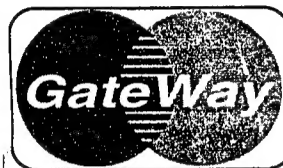
DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

I was hunting for something stupid, so I logged onto what I thought would be a stupid web site: www.stupid.com.

Here's what I found —

- The stupidest Christmas present this season is a dancing Christmas flamingo for \$25.99 that tap dances to "Jingle Bells."
- For that young child in your family, how about a toy kitchen blender that sings songs while it blends. Remember "Trout-o-matic?"
- The stupid joke of the day.
- A list of Harry Potter book titles you'll never see.
- How to order a Three Stooges Christmas tie.
- Where to get an outhouse toilet roll dispenser, a Mister Potato Head massager, a Mister Potato Head tie and something called Santa's Coal Bubblegum.
- Disgusting candy you can buy, such as: human dog food, chewy rats, "Chocka Ca Ca" (chocolate candy in a baby's diaper), pickled brains, "Bug Goo" and something called "Eat Eyeball Ooze."
- Games like: "Warp Bill Gates," "How Stupid Are You?," "Stinko Pachinko," "Speak Stupid French" and "Find Your Age In Dog Years."
- "Dr. Evil's Bag of Shhhh!" For \$4.99 you can get a silver bag that, when squeezed, says, "Shhhh!" in Dr. Evil's voice.
- The Simpsons Pez dispensers.
- Stupid Cartoon Theater — a gag a minute.



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Top Ten Seasonal Films Spread Jolly Christmas Cheer

ANDY TAYLOR-FABE

Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. - 10. The Ref (1994) - Okay, this isn't your typical holiday movie, and by no stretch of the imagination is it a classic, but for a holiday film about family dysfunction, burglary and kidnapping, it's damn funny.

After a botched Christmas Eve heist, cat burglar Denis Leary tries to hide by taking Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis hostage in their home, but he is shocked to find that their nightmare of a family is coming over for Christmas dinner.

The rest is pretty predictable. Leary to Spacey's mother: "Jesus lady, I know loan-sharks that are more forgiving than you."

9. Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) - This stop animation film is a commendable effort by Tim Burton. Jack Skellington, Pumpkin King and leader of Halloweentown, has grown restless and bored with his holiday, and when he stumbles upon Christmastown, he decides to try his hand at playing Santa Claus.

With a devilish grin on his face/skull, he says to the deposed Santa, "Consider this a vacation." The movie is completed by a classic Danny Elfman score on the level of the music from "Beetlejuice," "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure" and "Army of Darkness."

8. Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol (1962) - Yet another version of Charles Dickens' story of redemption. Mr. Magoo, near-sighted as ever, stars in this cartoon that stays remarkably faithful to the original text in setting and dialogue.

Part of what makes this version so great, beside Mr. Magoo himself, is the music. This special has great musical numbers that are still funny.

7. It's A Wonderful Life (1946) - Considered to be the quintessential Christmas movie, this Frank Capra classic is still a must-see for the holiday season.

Jimmy Stewart plays George Bailey, a modest and generous businessman in the small town of New Bedford. When a series of unfortunate events on Christmas Eve make George contemplate suicide and wish that he was never born, he is shown what the world would be like without him.

Leave all your cynicism at the door, because the movie can be sappy at times, but it's worth it. C'mon, everyone say it with me: "Daddy, teacher says every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings."

6. Die Hard (1988) - Bruce Willis's first and greatest action film is still one that I watch every year right along with that weird old stop-animation "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" TV special (with the land of misfit toys and the Abominable Snowman).

NYPD officer John McClane is visiting his estranged wife in L.A. at her office building when a group of German terrorists take everyone in the building hostage, forcing McClane to fight them alone, unarmed and barefoot (ain't Christmas great?) This classic action flick has become the basis for comparison for all other movies of the genre, (e.g. Speed = Die Hard on a bus). To anyone would contest the selection of "Die Hard" as a holiday film: remember when the elevator opens and there's a dead German wearing a Santa hat with "Now I have a machine gun, Ho ho ho" painted on his chest? I rest my case.

5. A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965) - This staple of Christmas TV viewing centers around Charlie Brown's search for the true meaning of Christmas. Disillusioned with the commercialization of the holiday sea-

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WILLCOCKS

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Choir. You must be proud of their accomplishments.

Willcocks: Well, I am proud, but I'm not sure they would attribute anything to me. I am very proud of what they've achieved. They were lovely people. They worked hard. Carrington, of course, was a very good double bass player. I advised him not to give that up when he wanted to form an all-male group. I told him not to come crying on my shoulder when you're out of work and penniless. Of course, he did splendidly with The Kings Singers, and now they tease me about my advice.

Gateway: Your son, Jonathan is an accomplished conductor in his own right. I understand he even re-wrote the words and recorded the Christmas favorite "The Holly and the Ivy" for your 70th birthday. Was that something of a surprise?

Willcocks: Well, I had my ears to the ground. It was supposed to be a surprise, but one or two leakages occurred in the choir. I don't think they knew it was supposed to be a surprise. They said, "Did you know your son is writing a piece for you? And I said, 'No, I didn't, but I can pretend it's a surprise.'" It's rather like Father Christmas and the children. Even when the children know about Father Christmas, they still enjoy the surprise.

Gateway: Sir David, you recorded Handel's "Messiah" with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Billboard Magazine called it "the best recording of all time." Tell us about that experience.

Willcocks: It was a great experience, because they are a famous choir. They are bigger than Handel would ever have experienced by a very long way. There were over 300 singers. I enjoyed it because it was different than conducting the King's College Choir which consists of 16 little boys, four male altos, four tenors and four basses. I have even conducted it with 5,000 singers in the Royal Albert Hall, in that vast place. I do think Handel would have

loved to see that many people singing his music and being happy.

Gateway: You are also one of the world's great organists. Your most intriguing recording was "Thomas Becket, Kiss of Peace." As a Cambridge gentleman, what did that mean to you?

Willcocks: Well, I thought it was a good piece. It brought me back to the organ. I hadn't really been playing seriously for about 20 years. I've only been playing at funerals for my contemporaries. A friend would ring up and say, "Oh, Jack would have loved it if you'd play at his funeral." So, I have to polish up "The Dead March" and that sort of thing. But, I do love the organ so. I don't get the time to practice much.

Gateway: Most of your recordings with the King's College Choir, have been Christmas songs, including arrangements of Polish, French, German and Latin hymns. Saturday's concert at the Strauss Performing Arts Center is entitled, "An English Christmas." What can we expect?

Willcocks: Well, actually, the most important piece Saturday night is by a Swiss composer. It's a fine work for a full, mixed choir, a children's choir and a full orchestra. Either side of it are 11 old English carols, which will be attractive to the audience. What is really lovely is the children's choir. It adds great dimension. They are the singers of the future.

Gateway: Sir David, you received your knighthood in 1977. What was that like?

Willcocks: I had to kneel on this little, red footstool ... the same footstool Sir Francis Drake knelt on many centuries before. She (Queen Elizabeth) lifts this great sword and puts it on one of your shoulders, then she lifts it again over your head to the other shoulder. Then she said, "Arise, Sir David," and from that moment on, you're a knight. That also made my wife Lady Willcocks, but my son got nothing. (Laughs) He's got to earn it.

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updated to make them easier, which renews interest in craftmaking, Mohr said.

"It may get thin for a while, but then somebody will invent something that will make it expand into a whole new world of light and color and beauty," she said.

Marketing senior Kelli Monahan grew up making crafts. She has produced scrapbooks, picture frames and painted candles.

Monahan plans to decorate ornaments with her roommates during the holiday season.

"I like giving (homemade gifts) to people," she said.

However, Monahan makes crafts throughout the year - not just during holiday seasons.

"It depends on what mood I'm in," she said.

Mohr said if more people were aware of the abundance of craft choices, they would make more items.

"People are interested in doing things," she said. "If they understand what it takes, they'll do it."

"A lot of people don't realize what can be done. There's a lot of ignorance out there: People just don't know what's out there."

Lansing resident Kayce Shepard occasionally searches for new crafts to make.

"I make bracelets and fun things like that, like zipper pulls," the 1994 MSU graduate said, glancing at some designs for the clothing accessory this week at Michael's. "It's one of those things you do when you want to take your mind off things."

Hodges picked up candlemaking two months ago.

"I just love candles, and I had so much wax left over from burning candles that I decided to make my own," she said. "I bought a mold and it had directions on how to make them."

Shepard said making items "adds a creative touch to little things."

And that creative touch is important, especially at this time of year, she said.

"With all the shopping and everything, there's so much," she said. "You find something and you create it. You've got to step back and say, 'What's important? What's something I can make that somebody will like?'"

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Campus Crime Report

Wednesday, Nov. 1

1 a.m.-Staff member reported verbal dispute with another employee while in Peter Kiewit Institute.
8:30 a.m.-Student reported loss of university property while off campus.

Thursday, Nov. 2

4:32 p.m.-Staff member reported audible fire alarms coming from Building 5, located at University Village. (Stove fire)
11:17 p.m.-Staff member reported theft of university property from stop signs located on University Drive South. (Less than \$300, warning flags)

Friday, Nov. 3

4:30 p.m.-Staff member reported theft of university property from the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building. (Less than \$300, toolbox)
4:31 p.m.-Student reported motor vehicle accident with state vehicle in Q-Lot. (Backed into parked vehicle)

Saturday, Nov. 4-No report

Sunday, Nov. 5

2:04 a.m.-Staff member reported fire alarm activation in the Milo Bail Student Center.

Monday, Nov. 6

1:45 a.m.-Staff member reported vandalism in Durham Science Center. (Graffiti)
8:30 a.m.-Staff member reported damage to UNO vehicle while parked in Annex 16.
4:09 p.m.-Student reported receiving obscene and threatening phone calls at her residence in University Village.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

6:50 a.m.-Staff member reported falling on ice in E-Lot.
7:50 a.m.-Staff member reported falling on ice in M-Lot.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

8 a.m.-Staff member reported receiving annoying phone call.

3:50 p.m.-Student reported damage to vehicle while parked in Lot-4 on the South Campus.

11:40 p.m.-Staff member reported damage to university property in HPER. (Toilet paper dispenser)

11:40 p.m.-Staff member reported unidentified person left a stool of human excrement in the seating area of the steam room in the men's locker room of HPER.

Thursday, Nov. 9

1:21 a.m.-Staff member reported loud noises coming from University Village.

5:15 p.m.-Staff member reported theft of personal property while at PKI. (Cellular phone)

Friday, Nov. 10

9 a.m.-Student reported receiving annoying e-mail.

8 p.m.-Staff member reported damage to University Village property. (Gate arm entrance to J-Lot)

Saturday, Nov. 11-No report

Sunday, Nov. 12-No report

Monday, Nov. 13-No report

Tuesday, Nov. 14

10:43 a.m.-Student reported wheelchair tipping over on sidewalk west of Allwine Hall, causing possible injury to right shoulder. Sidewalk conditions were dry and clear.

11:20 a.m.-Student reported damage to vehicle while parked in N-Lot, other vehicle identified. (Less than \$300, damage to rear bumper)

10:20 p.m.-Staff member reported theft of University property from PKI. (Less than \$300, triple beam balance)

Wednesday, Nov. 15-No report

Thursday, Nov. 16

11:27 a.m.-Student complained of loud noises coming from University of Village building six.

10:30 a.m.-Student with personal injury slipped on ice area south of Kaiser Hall (injured right ankle).

11:34-Staff reported fire-alarm activation at University Village building one.

Friday, Nov. 17

3:08 p.m.-Staff member reported theft of university property from Peter Kiewit Institute (less than \$300, touch-tone phone)

Saturday, Nov. 18

2:04 p.m.-Visitor reported being injured while wrestling at the Kaufman Brand Open in the Sapp Fieldhouse (transported to hospital)

9:44 p.m.-Visitor reported theft of personal belongings from Allwine Hall (more than \$300, tile roller)

Sunday, Nov. 19-No report

Monday, Nov. 20-No report

Tuesday, Nov. 21

8:30 a.m.-Staff member reported theft of university property from Durham Science Center (more than \$300, IBM Memory Card).

10 a.m.-Staff member reported vandalism to vehicle while parked at U-Lot. (Vehicle scratched along driver's side)

4:10 p.m.-Student reported maintenance emergency in concession stand NW corner of the stadium. (Overflow of water)

Wednesday, Nov. 22

9 a.m.-Staff member reported vandalism to university property on South Campus (Damage to fence surrounding the soccer field)

1:50 p.m.-Staff member reported suspicious person in DSC.

Thursday, Nov. 23-No report

Friday, Nov. 24-No report

Saturday, Nov. 25

1:24 a.m.-Staff member observed theft of university property. (Parking signs)

7:37 p.m.-Staff member observed vandalism to University Village property. (Entrance gate to J-Lot)

Sunday, Nov. 26-No report

Monday, Nov. 27

1:05 p.m.-Staff member reported medical emergency while in MBSC. (Chest pain)

Tuesday, Nov. 28

12:15 a.m.-Student involved in motor vehicle accident on University Drive West. (More than \$300, hit telephone pole)

6 p.m.-Staff member reported medical emergency south of CBA. (Suffered dizziness)

Wednesday, Nov. 29

2:45 p.m.-Student reported medical emergency during class in Arts and Sciences Hall. (Fainted, Striking right forearm and right cheek on table)

Thursday, Nov. 30

4:30 a.m.-Staff member reported writings on the wall in CBA.

9:06 a.m.-Staff member reported vandalism to exit gate in L-Lot.

3:45 p.m.-Student reported vandalism to university property from the astro-turf. (More than \$300, cannon)

5 p.m.-Student reported theft from vehicle while in Lot-6. (More than \$300, stereo and cd player)

9:30 p.m.-Student reported suspicious person in HPER.

9:41 p.m.-Staff member reported theft of university property from CBA. (More than \$300, Epson projector)

Friday, Dec. 1-No report

Saturday, Dec. 2-No report

Sunday, Dec. 3-No report

Monday, Dec. 4

1:15 p.m.-Staff member reported vandalism to university property in DSC. (Copy machine tampered with to disperse free copies)

4:15 p.m.-Student reported theft of personal property while in Allwine Hall. (Less than \$300, wallet and cash)

Tuesday, Dec. 5-No report

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Friday, Dec. 8

"Laser Majic" Mallory Kountze Planetarium, Durham Science Center. Friday and Saturday nights find the planetarium transformed with intense laser light shows set to some of the hippest music around. Showing throughout the month of December at 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. are Mannheim Steamroller Christmas shows. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for kids 12 and under. For more info call the physics hotline at 554-3722 or check out the Web site at www.physics.unomaha.edu.

"The American Cowboy: Fact and Fantasy" Durham Western Heritage Museum, 801 S. 10th St. This exhibition, running through Dec. 31, highlights the omniscient figure of the cowboy in American culture, from art and legends to movie stars and cowboy hats. Visit the museum Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free to members and kids under 3, \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3.50 for kids 3 to 12. Call 444-5071 for more information.

"An American Century of Photography" Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St. This collection of 242 photographs from over 200 different artists runs until Jan. 7. Featured works come from the Hallmark Photographic collection. Visit this exhibit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free on Saturdays, and \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and college students with I.D., \$2.50 for kids 5 to 17 and free for kids 4 and under the rest of the week. Call 342-3300 for more information.

"Miracle on 34th Street" The Rose, 2001 Farnam St. The Omaha Theater Company for Young People presents this popular holiday classic this year through Dec. 17. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Single tickets are \$14 at the box office, \$12 at www.otcyp.org or \$10 at Burger King and Hy-Vee stores. For more information or reservations, call 345-4849.

"Nunsense A-Ment" Millennium Theater, 601 S. 16th St. A clever twist is offered on this hilarious musical as the nuns are all played by men. The production runs through Dec. 24 with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students, military and senior citizens, and \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Call 345-8166 for more information or visit the Web site at www.StagesofOmaha.com.

"Papa's Angels" Grande Olde Players, 2339 N. 90th St. This holiday-themed lyric play returns for a second year at the Grande Olde Players and runs through Dec. 10 with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Call the box office at 397-5262 for more information.

"Cecil B. Demented" Mary Reipma Ross Theater, 12th and R St., Lincoln. This hilarious film by John Waters stars Stephen Dorff and Melanie Griffith and pokes plenty at the film industry. The film will be showing both this weekend and next. Showtimes are at 7 and 9:15 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, at 1, 3:15, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Saturdays, and at 2:30, 4:45, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for students, senior citizens, kids and friends of the theater. Call the theater at (402) 472-5353 for more information.

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MELISSA KUCIREK

Senior Staff Writer

Put a bunch of 21-year-olds in a million-dollar recording studio and some distractions can occur.

The end result, Spineshank guitarist Souren "Mike" Sarkisyan said in a phone interview from Grand Rapids, Mich., was a record debut not nearly as focused as the band's sophomore effort, "The Height of Callousness," produced by Gggarth Richardson on Roadrunner Records.

Spineshank, which along with Sarkisyan is Jonny Santos, Rob Garcia, and Tommy Decker, will be showcasing its record Saturday, Dec. 16 at Omaha's Ranch Bowl.

"This record was different than our first ('Strictly Diesel')," Sarkisyan said. "We recorded it in Vancouver, with no distractions, working 12 to 15 hour days."

Spineshank's work is paying off. "Height" has broken onto Billboard's Top New Artist Chart and the Top 200 Album Chart. The first single "Synthetic" is being played on radio stations in over 45 major markets.

It doesn't seem all that surprising for a band which burst onto the LA scene in 1996. In its first tour, the band set out

with acts System Of a Down, Static-X and Fear Factory. For Sarkisyan, it didn't get any better than that, playing in small-packed venues.

"Some relate more to the live show," Sarkisyan said. "There's definitely high energy."

With aggressive lyrics and biting guitar riffs, expect a high-octane performance.

"Our stage show is a workout in itself," Sarkisyan said.

"You can get used to it every night. We all have some sort of aches or pains going onto the stage, but when the lights go on, the pain goes away."

Besides sharing the sore muscles from stage antics, the band shares composing duties.

"It's a collaborative process," Sarkisyan said. "We don't say, 'okay you take this part.' Everybody does everything."

With explicit lyrics on several of the disc's tracks, Spineshank offers no excuse for its choice of words.

"We don't want to water our music down just to please some people," Sarkisyan said. "It's real, you feel it."

More people are getting on the Spineshank

wagon, thanks to the World Wide Web. The band's Web site (www.spineshank.com) offers fans a message board and updated tour diary.

"We've been getting positive feedback," Sarkisyan said. "It's the icing on the cake."



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Marz Brings Positive Sound

MATT BURKEY

Staff Writer

In a world of rap artists that produce a positively negative message, it's a welcome relief to find a rap group that gets across a positive message. Marz is a group that does just that.

Founded by Zlatko Hukic, Marz is a band that sends a positive message through the use of industrial rap.

What is industrial rap? Marz defines it as hip hop with noise.

The story of Marz starts back in Hukic's high school, when a guidance counselor told him to write down everything he felt inside his head. Soon he was having a conversation with a part of himself in his head, and after a year of conversing he asked the person who he was. He said his name was Marz.

Hukic continued writing music even after he joined the band Ministry. Soon after he joined that band he broke away and created Marz.

"Marz has a strong symbolic sense," Hukic said.

Another point that Hukic was quick to point out was that his music is aggressive but at the same time produces a positive message.

"There are some sexual innuendoes that are meant to be funny, but for the most part it's a positive album."

And it is. His songs, thought aggressive, might awaken a spiritual side in all of us, even those of us who

really don't like rap. And it's because of that unique twist to his music that keeps fans coming back.

Catch Marz live at Knickerbocker's in Lincoln Friday, Dec. 15.



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Happy Holidays



Editor's Picks: Best CDs of 2000

RAE LICARI

Arts & Leisure Editor

1. **A Perfect Circle "Mer de Noms" (Virgin):** This is, in my opinion, the most beautiful collection of songs not written by Danny Elfman. I absolutely fell in love with this disc and couldn't stop listening.

2. **Poe "Haunted" (FEI/Atlantic):** "Haunted" is a welcome return for Poe, an excellent artist who is alternately creepy and clever with this disc. And it's about darn time, too! Poe's been keeping us waiting for a follow-up album for nearly five years.

3. **Full Devil Jacket "Full Devil Jacket" (The Enclave/Island):** Full Devil Jacket gets my vote for Most Ignored Artist of the Year. Hardly anyone paid attention to the group's wrathfully rocking full-length, major-label debut, which further proves my point that most people are idiots.

4. **Blue Meanies "The Post Wave" (MCA):** This disc is a catchy, upbeat and musically complex collection from the Chicago-based seven-piece punk outfit Blue Meanies. I was caught completely off guard with the album, which I have since grown to love as one of my own.

5. **The Nixons "Latest Thing" (Koch):** This is a mel-lower set from Oklahoma City rockers The Nixons, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing. Indeed, in my opinion, "Latest Thing" is a good thing, a very good thing.

6. **Radiohead "Kid A" (Capitol):** FINALLY.

7. **Apartment 26 "Hallucinatin'" (Hollywood):** Think heavy metal meets a rave. Apartment 26's sound has the best of both worlds, and the group's full-length major-label debut record is evidence.

8. **PJ Harvey "Stories From The City, Stories From The Sea" (Island):** The intense lyrics and Harvey's unique vocals are what make this album so likable. This record also belongs to the mellower set, with impressive songwriting and low-key instrumentals.

9. **Snake River Conspiracy "Sonic Jihad" (Reprise):** Snake River Conspiracy gets the runner-up spot for Most Ignored Artist in my book. The industrial-rock duo's aggressive, in-your-face style is just the kick in the pants the music industry needed this year. Too bad no one noticed.

10. **Starlight Mints "The Dream That Stuff Was Made Of" (SeeThru Broadcasting):** This disc is an assortment of refreshingly quirky pop songs in the vein of They Might Be Giants. The musically complex album also was widely ignored. (Noticing a trend here?)

Top Ten Movies of This Century

JOE SIMMONS

Staff Writer

Ladies and gentlemen, to clear up a little misunderstanding between some of you, let it be known that the official new millennium and new century begins in the year 2001. Some people thought that it happened on New Year's Eve 1999, when the year changed from 1999 to 2000. It is a fact that the year 2000 is the last year of the twentieth century, not the first year of the new millennium. This is reserved for 2001, so without further ado I bring you the top 10 movies of our century (and of all time, since movies are a 20th-century creation).

10. "The Princess Bride" - The unforgettable tale of love, hate, revenge, wit, swashbuckling and Andre the Giant.

9. "Return of the Jedi" - I'm sorry, but this is the best installment of the "Star Wars" movies. The Ewoks made this

one. Jar Jar Binks ruined "Episode One."

8. "Trespass" - Ice Cube and Ice-T play greedy gang leaders off to steal gold away from two firemen and a bum in an abandoned building.

7. "Aladdin" - Disney's best. Favorite scene: the escape from the Cave of Wonders (the Genie's first song).

6. "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" - Once more, love prevails in a medieval heroic world. That, and Alan Rickman dies. Every time I watch it, I want him to win.

5. "South Park: The Movie" - The most offensive movie I've ever seen. This one inspires me to go into the movie industry.

4. "The Last of the Mohicans" - The nonstopable Mohicans take out masses of Mohawks intent on stealing a woman away from Daniel Day-Lewis. One of the best music scores of all time accompany this masterpiece based on the

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Holiday Movie Preview

CHRISTIAN CHAMPOUX

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What better way to relax after finals week than to check out at least one of the highly anticipated movies showing over winter break? Granted, the year 2000 has not had much to offer in the way of blockbuster hits, but a few films opening this holiday season may redeem what has been a relatively disappointing year at the box office. Here is a quick preview of some must-see flicks to enjoy during your Christmas vacation.

"Unbreakable" M. Night Shyamalan attempts to follow up 1999's sleeper hit "The Sixth Sense," in which the young director was nominated for an Oscar for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay, with "Unbreakable." Bruce Willis is again under Shyamalan's direc-

tion as David Dunn, a security guard with a troubled marriage and a condition that allows him to walk away from a train derailment that kills every other passenger. Willis's "Die Hard" co-star Samuel L. Jackson plays Elijah Price, a comic book dealer with a brittle bone disease. Plot information is scarce, but Shyamalan promises another crazy ending with plot twists that are impossible to describe without spoiling. (November 22)

"Proof of Life" Meg Ryan plays the unhappy wife of an engineer abducted while building a dam in South America. "Gladiator" star Russell Crowe is the hostage negotiator sent in to save the day. Nothing interesting behind-the-scenes happened here. (December 8)

"Thirteen Days," "JFK" star Kevin Costner portrays another Kennedy-era character in "Thirteen Days." The 45-

year-old actor plays Kenny O'Donnell, John F. Kennedy's chief adviser during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The movie centers on those two horrifying weeks in 1962 when the U.S. and Russia went nose-to-nose over Soviet warheads in Cuba. (December 20)

"Cast Away" Again Tom Hanks teams up with "Forrest Gump" director Robert Zemeckis in "Cast Away." Hanks plays Chuck Noland, a FedEx employee who washes up on a desert island after his flight crashes into the Pacific. Presumed dead by his girlfriend (Helen Hunt) and coworkers, Noland turns "Survivor" to stave off hunger, insanity and certain death. To make the movie as realistic as possible, filming went into a year-long hiatus so Hanks could lose more than 50 pounds to transform himself into the bony castaway. (December 22)



The Vault

by
T.J. Accola

'Traffic'

"Traffic" is a sweeping glance at this oftentimes futile drug war. Through the impressive array of characters, we see the drug war on every level: drug czar, small-time dealer, politician, federal agent, right on down to addict.

Ohio State Supreme Court Justice Robert Wakefield (Michael Douglas) has just been offered to head the U.S. National Drug Control Policy. His own daughter Caroline (Erika Christensen) is increasingly freebasing crack with her boyfriend (Topher Grace).

Tijuana cop Javier Rodriguez (Benicio del Toro) is alone in his own war against the local drug cartel. In an area where nearly everyone, including his fellow cops, work for the cartel, Javier plays both sides in an effort to halt the flow of narcotics.

Helena Ayala (Catherine Zeta-Jones) does not even realize her husband (Steven Bauer) is a big-time drug trafficker until he is carted off by police. With only her husband's attorney (Dennis Quaid) willing to help her, she faces an even larger threat: her husband's partners, who will stop at nothing to prevent him from exposing them all.

DEA agents Montel Gordon (Don Cheadle) and Ray Castro (Luis Guzman) are the men who bring down Helena's husband. They know that beyond Ayala are many larger drug sharks, including the heads of the Tijuana cartel.

"Traffic" is clearly grand in scope, but yet character development remains amazingly unsacrificed. Every one of the major play-

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TOP TEN MOVIES

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novel of the same name by James Fenimore Cooper.

3. "Terminator 2: Judgement Day" - This movie is great. Too bad I can't say the same thing about the first one.

2. "Willow" - "I STOLE THE BABY! I STOLE THE BABY!" You can catch the modern day Laura Dannon on late night Cinemax.

1. "Conan the Barbarian" - Arnold Schwarzenegger's first international success. He chops off James Earl Jones's head. Two great actors in a tale of an unstoppable barbarian.

I tell you, they don't make movies like they used to. All the good ones were made at least a decade ago. Come on, "Cruel Intentions"? "Simply Irresistible"? "Superstar"? When I die, these movies will make me spin in my grave.

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The Good, The Bad: Best and Worst Movies of 2000

MATT BURKEY

Staff Writer

The Bad

1. "American Psycho"
 - Only a psycho would enjoy this journey into the mind of a serial killer.
2. "Battlefield Earth"
 - There are some things that not even John Travolta can pull off. Back to the drawing board, John.
3. "Gladiator"
 - The fight scenes were worthy of this epic, but other than that it was nothing more than a wannabe "Ben Hur."
4. "Godzilla 2000"
 - Never mess with the classics. Plus, if you are going to make a movie about a giant lizard, try and use some of the technology that was invented after 1955.
5. "Magnolia"
 - DO NOT take time to stop and see this movie, unless you want to see Tom Cruise at his worst.
6. "Mission Impossible 2"
 - A little too "Matrix"-like, the film overused that cool slow motion effect, and Tom Cruise really needed a haircut.
7. "Pitch Black"
 - Another wannabe sci-fi horror movie that tries really, really, really hard to be scary but doesn't work.
8. "The Grinch"
 - Again, don't mess with the classics. Jim Carrey does not have to play every animated character, despite what he says.
9. "The Ladies' Man"
 - Maybe he's the ladies' man in a parallel universe, but here he's the annoying man. Not a funny movie, in fact it was downright disgusting, as Leon Phelps would say.
10. "Scary Movie"
 - Don't even get me started. Not funny and definitely not scary. It should have been called "Don't Waste Your Money On This Wannabe Parody."

The Good

1. "Final Destination"
 - The film makes its final destination in the minds of its viewers. Clever, witty and well written, "Final Destination" proves that movies about teenagers can still be entertaining.
2. "The X-Men"
 - Brilliant adaptation of the famous comic book series. The movie balances the right amount of emotion with the right amount of action.
3. "U-571"
 - Definitely does not leave you with a sinking feeling. A war movie that ranks up there with "Midway" and "Saving Private Ryan."
4. "The Skulls"
 - Joshua Jackson more than makes up for his role on "Dawson's Creek" with this thriller about a secret society. Co-star Paul Walker isn't half bad either.
5. "The 6th Day"
 - Arnold makes up for his role in "End of Days" and proves that he still has what it takes to kick bad guy behind.
6. "Unbreakable"
 - The title says it all. This film was unbreakable.
7. "Titan A.E."
 - Matt Damon proves that even if he's animated he can still make one good movie. "Titan A.E." is a definite must see; after all, where else are you going to see blue sparkling creatures trying to wipe out the human race?
8. "The Way of the Gun"
 - Finally, an action movie that lives up to the name. Not hindered by tons of explosions and overused one-liners, this movie is worth a viewing.
9. "Erin Brockovich"
 - Julia Roberts proves that she still has the acting talent we saw in "Pretty Woman."
10. "Coyote Ugly"
 - Don't let the title fool you, it's far from an ugly movie.



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From The
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Arts Year in Review

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Staff Writers

This last year of the millennium was witness to many joyous births and sorrowful deaths. These are the ones we choose to remember.

Births

NU Metal This whiny stepchild of heavy metal was heard rapping and rocking all over the country.

The birth of baby Napster. This innocent little freeware program sparked a firestorm by allowing people that were too poor (or lazy) to buy music the opportunity to get it for free.

Boy bands are being born at an exponential rate. Rumor has it that they are the results of secret cloning experiments, but no one seems to care.

The rebirth of art rock. Both Radiohead and Nine Inch Nails had top albums that actually made you think. Maybe there's hope after all. Maybe.

The reincarnation of sci-fi movies. This year set a single season record for movies about trips to Mars and the scary monsters that may live there.

Deaths

Flage Against the Machine. While not officially broken up, can it really carry on without its most identifiable member?

Metallica's credibility. We believe in the rights of starving artists, but do we really need to hear about it from billionaires?

Death of American Democracy. It's nice to see everyone is exercising their American right to sue. For once the media is covering a political story that does not involve Bill Clinton's affairs.

The Breakup of the Smashing Pumpkins. With as much airplay as the last two albums got, who noticed? (Besides us?)

The death of Mike & Mike's underclassman status. Scientists say graduation may be years away.

TRAFFIC

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ers is a study in superior characterization. Among these characters, Rodriguez emerges as the most intriguing. A maverick in every sense of the word, he fearlessly swims among these sharks. And by the end of the film, he remains steadfast in his convictions.

We very much wish that Rodriguez could have, at some point, teamed with agents Gordon and Castro, but that kind of implausible meeting occurs only in mindless action flicks. Gordon and Castro are the most entertaining and likable duo on screen this year. Much like Rodriguez, they both realize they are embroiled in a seemingly winless war, but yet maintain their dedication to justice.

Helena Ayala's ordeal is the most downplayed of the storylines, but still makes for a story more engrossing than any other film plot Hollywood has produced this year. Her need to remain in the social class she inhabits drives her to nearly inconceivable lengths.

Judge Wakefield's dilemma is the most symptomatic of drug addiction in America. While Wakefield attempts to deter the flow of drugs into the U.S., he also begins losing his own daughter to addiction. It is a suprisingly honest revelation that not even such a seemingly powerful man — one who has been entrusted to fight the entire nation's drug problem — cannot even save his own daughter.

The wide array of characters and situations in "Traffic" is suggestive of the many other films that portray an ensemble of people, who eventually come together amidst one earth-shattering event ("Short Cuts," "Magnolia," "Nashville"). But unlike those films, the characters in "Traffic" do not converge at the end. Rather, they merely float in the same pool, enduring the same ripples caused by certain events, but never actually coming face to face. Despite this, their respective stories are intertwined into the grand scheme, in this case the war on drugs.

"Traffic" is quite simply the best film of the year. And it will likely remain so, as there is not much in the way of competition for the remainder of the year. Expect a number of award nominations for acting, as well as writing and directing. Director Steven Soderbergh must be commended for tackling such an overwhelming subject matter. He fashions what could have been an overbloated, preachy drama into a taut, 2 1/2 hour gem that transcends genres. Whether it be the deserts of Mexico (which have a scorched, washed-out look like "Three Kings") or the streets of a U.S. city (with a steely, fluorescent gleam like that seen in "The Insider"), Soderbergh never lets the many plotlines stray from the overall picture.

Benicio del Toro should have assumed the role of a film god long ago, but this could very well be his best chance to do so. Don Cheadle and Luis Guzman, two of the most consistent character actors in the business, create the best film duo in years. Catherine Zeta-Jones is nothing less than totally believable, and her real-life husband Michael Douglas brings a never-before-seen (except maybe in "Wonder Boys") warmth and comfort to his role. Erika Christensen and Topher Grace perfectly capture the attitude of rich kids come drug users, who think they know everything, yet fall victim to the most basic of desires.

"Traffic" has a very good shot at winning the Oscar for best film. It has the real-world grasp that "American Beauty" lacked and the relevance and importance that "Shakespeare in Love" did not. Equal parts human drama, drug addiction tale and crime story, "Traffic" is much more than that — it is a thoroughly engrossing examination of one of the biggest threats to American society as a whole and a fine film to boot.

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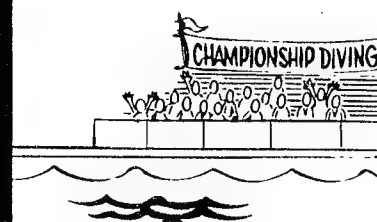
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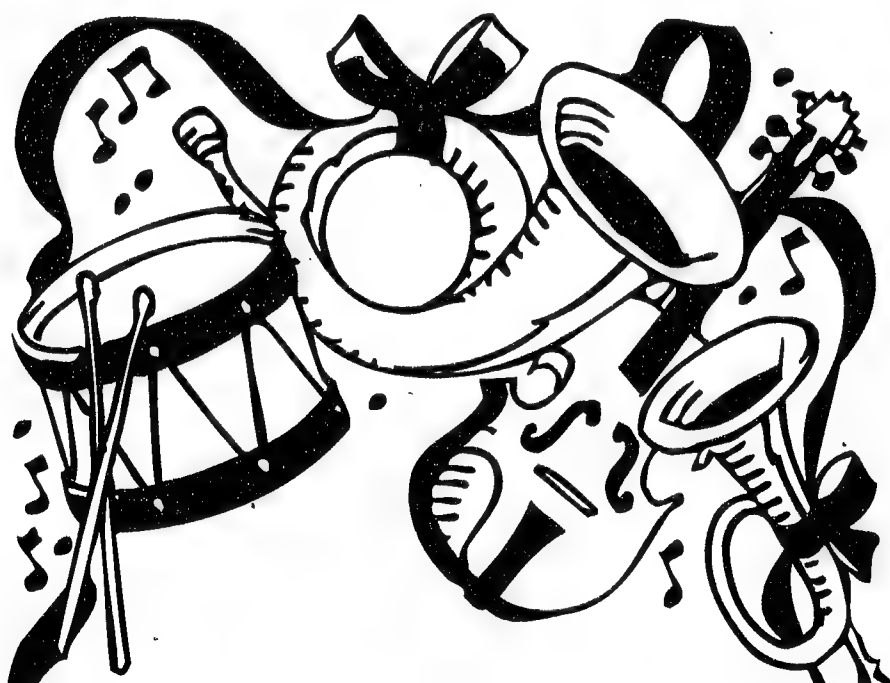
son, he attempts to rediscover the spirit of Christmas through a variety of activities, including directing the school pageant and trying to use a lonely and frail fir tree as his Christmas tree. When his efforts fail, Linus steps in to help him out, which is when he gives his classic and earnest speech about the Birth of Christ (which to this day is where I draw my knowledge of Christmas from). Although the other Charlie Brown holiday specials are excellent, (e.g., The Great Pumpkin in the Halloween episode and Snoopy's and Woodstock's popcorn and toast Thanksgiving dinner), the Christmas special stands out above them as a true classic.

4. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989) - If you're going to protest and say that this movie is stupid, save your breath. Between Chevy Chase (pre-late night talk show debacle) as Clark Griswold and Randy Quaid as everyone's favorite trashy, leisure suit wearing cousin, the movie packs in enough laughs to make up for the fact that it is, well, really dumb. There's nothing like other peoples' problems to make you feel good about your own life. A classic Chevy Chase scene: Clark's numerous Freudian slips at a department store while ogling the clerk, e.g. "It's a tit bit nippy out."

3. How the Grinch Stole Christmas! (1966)- As much as I love Jim Carrey and Ron Howard, the new Grinch movie can't stand up to the original animated TV special. This fantasy tale about the bitter and lonely Grinch and his plot to steal Christmas from the peaceful Whos of Whoville should be required viewing for everyone, regardless of whether they celebrate Christmas. Boris Karloff gives a brilliant performance as both the voice of the Grinch and the narrator, and it has one of the greatest songs in history, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," sung by Thurl Ravenscroft. Everything about this show is simultaneously eerie and surreal and strangely comforting, and it will always be a staple of Christmas viewing.

2. Scrooged (1988)- This modern adaptation of Dickens' Christmas Carol is one of Bill Murray's funniest movies. Murray plays a bitter TV executive who has an intense apathy for the holiday season. During the Christmas Eve broadcast of his network's new and trashy version of Dickens' classic Christmas tale (which includes showgirls with partially exposed nipples), he is visited by three ghosts who make him see how he messed up his life. The movie has a stellar supporting cast including Carol Kane as the ghost of Christmas present and Bobcat Goldthwait as a disgruntled employee (extremely loosely based on Bob Cratchit).

1. A Christmas Story (1983) - This is a truly great Christmas movie. It follows the holiday adventures of Ralphie, a pudgy, blond kid in the late 1940's who only has one thing on his Christmas list: A Red Ryder BB gun. Discouraged by cries of "You'll shoot your eye out!" from parents, teachers, and even a mall Santa, he plots and schemes to make his holiday wish come true. This film reinforces the aforementioned idea that family dysfunction is an integral part of the holiday season. It is narrated as a flashback from adulthood in a style that has to be the inspiration for "The Wonder Years." Some of the greatest scenes in the movie are his run-ins with the raccoon skin cap wearing, yellow eye having school bully.



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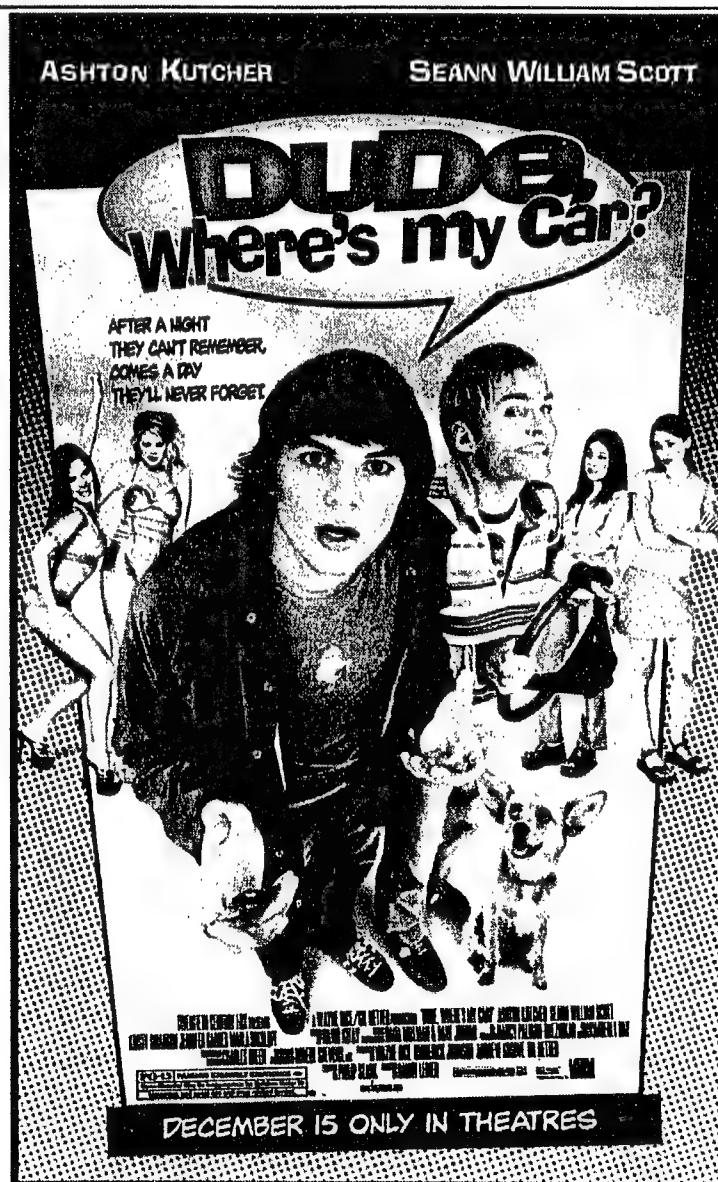
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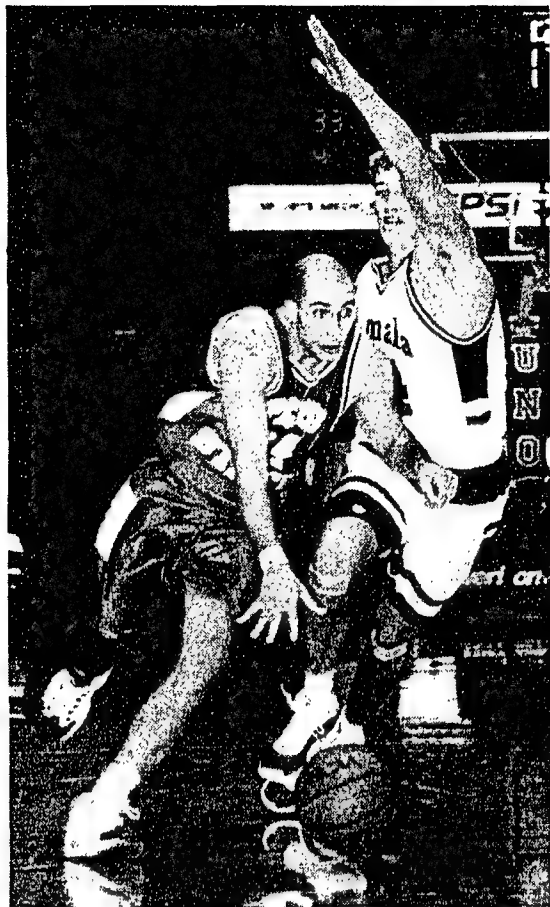
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Lainio Clears Board and Swipes Victory For the Mavs



A Peru State player drives hard down the court against UNO's Dan Morrow. **JW** Josh Williamson

CORY CARLSON

Staff Writer

Junior frontcourt player Al Lainio had a career-high 21 rebounds and 16 points as UNO ran away with a 68-50 victory over Peru State at Sapp Fieldhouse Monday.

More than 400 fans witnessed Lainio's performance which highlighted a dominant showing inside by the Mavs. UNO pulled down 23 offensive rebounds, compared to just 10 for the Bobcats. Lainio had double figures by himself in both categories, swiping 11 offensive boards and 10 off the defensive glass. He also added two steals and three assists to round out his stat line.

Lainio's game overshadowed freshman Tola Dada, who also scored in double figures. Dada, a freshman, came off the bench to score 14 points and clear four rebounds.

The Mavs made the most of their opportunities getting 22 points off of 21 Viking turnovers, while allowing just 12 giveaways in the game.

Defense was their staple once again, holding Peru State to a miserly 7-22 shooting performance in the second half, and 36 percent for the duration.

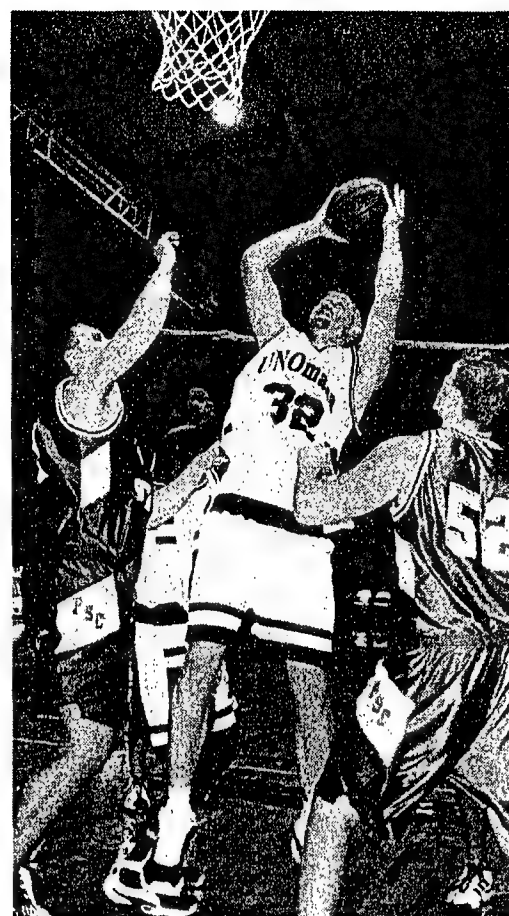
The Bobcats were led on the scoreboard by guard Neil Hayhurst with 13 points, and on the glass by forward Joey Maggett with 12 boards.

Maggett was the Bobcats' leading scorer coming in, but was held to only nine points, over four points below his average.

The Mavs had another rough game from behind the arc, shooting 5-26, but made up for it with second-chance points off the offensive glass.

Sophomore forward Dan Morrow found his range from 3-point land, hitting three bombs. The sophomore starter finished with 11 points in 27 minutes of play.

Junior guard Corey Hahn contributed 11 points and dished out two assists.



Alan Lainio goes up for two against Peru. **JW** Josh Williamson

Hardcourt Action Heats Up Over Winter Break

CORY CARLSON

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UNO vs. Northern Colorado Dec. 9

The Mavs return to the hardwood Saturday in their first NCC game of the year when Northern Colorado comes calling. Tipoff is set for 4 p.m. at Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Bears have a surprising 5-1 record after defeating Colorado Christian on Tuesday. They bring a balanced attack to Omaha with five players averaging double figures. UNC is led by freshman forward Michael Morse who averages 16.4 and 7.2 rebounds per game.

Something will have to give. UNC has outrebounded its opponents by an average margin of +11.4 per contest. UNO has cleaned the boards with similar efficiency with a +8.3 margin per game.

Both teams split victories last year with UNC winning at Omaha 64-63 and UNO returning the favor at Greeley 78-73. The Bears finished the 1999-2000 season 9-18 overall and 4-10 in NCC Conference play.

UNO vs. Bellevue University Dec. 15

The Mavs will face their second-to-last non-conference opponent of the year when the Bruins visit Sapp Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m.

BU is led by Head Coach Todd Eisner, his first year at the helm. Eisner graduated from Creighton University in 1991 and played for Tony Barone's NCAA qualifying teams from 1988-1991.

The NAIA Bruins return three starters from last year's 8-24 squad. UNO leads the all-time series 7-0, including their last meeting on Nov. 30, 1999 when UNO defeated BU 75-49 at Sapp Fieldhouse.

UNO vs. Wayne State Dec. 18

The Wayne State Wildcats of the Div. II Sun Conference come calling in the last non-conference game of the year.

An NCAA regional qualifier last year with a 26-6 overall record, the Wildcats are in the midst of a rebuilding year, and are 1-6 so far.

They are led by first-year Head Coach Rico Burkett. The leading scorer is Jason Herlitz, who put up 27 points against South Dakota earlier this year. The Wildcats'

leading rebounder is also Herlitz who averages close to double figures in both categories on the year.

UNO vs. North Dakota Dec. 29

The Mavs can focus squarely on contending for an NCC title starting with this game at 8 p.m. at Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Fighting Sioux were 23-8 last year and finished a respectable third place in the NCC. UNO swept the season series winning here and at Fargo.

UNO returns three starters, and is led by senior guard Tom Jacobson who put up 7.4 points per game in NCC Conference play.

UNO vs. North Dakota State Dec. 30

The Mavs will try to exact a little revenge against their gridiron rivals when they face the Bison on the hardwood in an 8 p.m. tipoff at Sapp Fieldhouse.

NDSU returns two starters from last year's 16-11 squad which finished 6-6 in NCC action. The Bison are led in scoring by senior guard Gary Hall's 14.8 points per contest.

UNO vs. Morningside Jan. 5

The Mavs face their first NCC road test of the year when they travel to Sioux City to take on the Mustangs of Morningside College at 8 p.m.

The Mustangs return three starters from an eighth-place NCC team in 1999-2000. Morningside is led by the brothers Drevo. The elder, Matthew, plays center and averaged 12.9 points and 8.5 rebounds in NCC play last year. The younger, Andrew, plays forward and got 13.8 points and averaged 7.1 boards in the NCC a year ago.

UNO vs. South Dakota Jan. 6

The Mav head to Coyote Country to face the defending NCC Champion, South Dakota, in an 8 p.m. tipoff.

USD swept the 1999-2000 series over UNO en route to a first place finish. They are mentored by Head Coach Dave Boots, who has a 249-100 mark at the school.

On the court, they are led by two-time All-NCC selection Jeremy Kudera. He averaged 15.1 points and 6.9 rebounds last year. Senior center Jason Barrow was honorable-mention All-NCC a year ago, averaging 13.3 and 6.5 boards a game.

Winter Break Sports Schedule

Winter Break Sports Schedule

We'll be gone until Jan. 9, 2001, so I thought we had better tell you what games are scheduled between now and then. Go Mavs!

Dec. 8, 2000

Mav Hockey at Bowling Green 6:05 p.m.

Dec. 9, 2000

Mav Hockey at Bowling Green 6:05 p.m.

Mav Womens Basketball hosting Northern Colorado 2 p.m.

Mav Mens Basketball hosting Northern Colorado 4 p.m.

Mav Wrestling at Nebraska-Kearney Open

Mav Indoor Track at Kansas State Winter Pentathlon 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 15, 2000

Mav Mens Basketball hosting Bellevue University 7:30 p.m.

Mav Swimming and Diving hosting UNO Invitational

Dec. 16, 2000

Mav Swimming and Diving hosting UNO Invitational

Dec. 17, 2000

Mav Womens Basketball hosting Truman State 2 p.m.

Mav Swimming and Diving hosting UNO Invitational

Dec. 18, 2000

Mav Mens Basketball hosting Wayne State 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 19, 2000

Mav Hockey hosting Notre Dame 7:05 p.m.

Dec. 20, 2000

Mav Hockey hosting Notre Dame 7:05 p.m.

Dec. 29, 2000

Mav Hockey vs. Mass-Lowell at Alabama-Huntsville

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Busy Holidays For Maverick Hockey

BRIAN BRASHAW

Staff Writer

While everyone else is at home taking a break from school and work and all, the Maverick hockey team will be doing battle.

Coming off a three-point weekend against Alaska-Fairbanks, the team travels to Bowling Green, Ohio this weekend.

The Mavericks are 7-8-1 overall, 4-5-1 in the CCHA.

UNO has somewhat of a one-sided rivalry with the Bowling Green Falcons. UNO has never traveled to Bowling Green, yet each time the teams have met in Omaha, it has been intense. This culminated last year with the post-season game which UNO won 3-1.

Bowling Green is behind the Mavericks in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with eight points. UNO has nine points after last weekend's play.

The Falcons took one point from Michigan State last weekend, tying the Spartans Friday night.

After the trip to Bowling Green, UNO plays their third CCHA series in a row when the Notre Dame Fighting Irish come to town. The series is a special Tuesday-Wednesday match-up at the Civic Auditorium.

The Irish are currently tied for last place in the CCHA with one conference win.

Last year the two team split three-point home weekends. Each team won at home, and tied the second game.

After the third conference series (and after Christmas), the Mavericks travel to the southern-most college hockey city in the country. UNO competes in the Alabama-Huntsville Holiday Tournament, featuring four different teams from four different conferences.

Host Alabama-Huntsville plays in the College Hockey America conference where they stand in second place with a 8-4-0 overall record.

Guest Massachusetts-Lowell plays in Hockey East, where they are in last place with a 5-7-2 overall. Canisius plays in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference where they currently rank in a tie for sixth in the 11-team MAAC. Their record is 4-6-2.

UNO plays Huntsville in the opener, and depending how they finish, either play in the championship or consolation game the following day.

Once again, the Mavericks will be at home Dec. 19 and 20, for a Tuesday-Wednesday series against Notre Dame.



David Noel-Bernier knocks around an Alaska Fairbanks player during a recent game. The Mavs travel to Bowling Green this weekend.

CM Chris Machian

Runners Warm Up For K-State Meet

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

The first meet of the 2000-2001 indoor track and field season leaps into action Saturday at the Kansas State Winter Pentathlon. Sophomores Lindsey Hunter, Amber Nielsen, Alyssa Campbell and Kalyn Byers will represent UNO when the gun sounds at 10:30 a.m.

To prepare for the Manhattan, Kan. meet, Head Coach Tim Hendricks and his crew competed against runners from South Dakota, Morningside, and South Dakota State at the USD Preseason Invitational held yesterday (results from that event did not reach *The Gateway* prior to going to print).

No team scores were kept.

Track and field has two distinct seasons. In the late fall, Coach Hendricks puts together the indoor squad. They battle to the March 9-10 nationals. The outdoor track and field team takes over at the end of March and runs through the NCAA Division II National Championships in late May.

Last year's indoor track and field team finished fourth at the NCC championships, while last season's outdoor edition placed fifth.

UNO qualified four athletes for the 1999-2000 Outdoor NCAA Championships. Carly Lambert (100-meters), Suzanne Larsen (high jump), Natalie Malone (1,500-meters), and Jonisa McGlown (long jump) represented the Mavericks at the national meet in Raleigh, N.C.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Tourney

Mav Womens Basketball hosting North Dakota 6 p.m.

Mav Mens Basketball hosting North Dakota 8 p.m.

Dec. 30, 2000

Mav Hockey at Alabama-Huntsville Tourney

Mav Womens Basketball hosting North Dakota State 6 p.m.

Mav Mens Basketball hosting North Dakota State 8 p.m.

Jan. 5, 2001

Mav Womens Basketball at Morningside 6 p.m.

Mav Mens Basketball at Morningside 8 p.m.

Jan. 6, 2001

Mav Womens Basketball at South Dakota 6 p.m.

Mav Mens Basketball at South Dakota 8 p.m.

Mav Wrestling hosting Brand Open

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Mavs Douse Flames and Shatter Regular Season Margin of Victory Record

CORY CARLSON

Staff Writer

The Mavs destroyed College of St. Mary 89-25 and broke the 26-year old record for margin of victory by 10 points Wednesday at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

Junior guard Jennifer Mitchell stole the show and the ball early and often en route to a 19 point, six steal performance.

"Mitch has the ability to come and out and play good defense and a lot of people may not expect that out of her," Head Coach Lisa Carlsen said.

In addition to wreaking havoc in the backcourt Mitchell also made time to dish out four assists and grab four rebounds in just 24 minutes on the court.

The Mavs pounded down low from the opening tip 24 points in the paint compared to just four for the Flames in the first half. In fact, it was not until there were 10 minutes left in the half when the first Maverick player under 6-0 tall scored a point.

"We knew they were scrappy

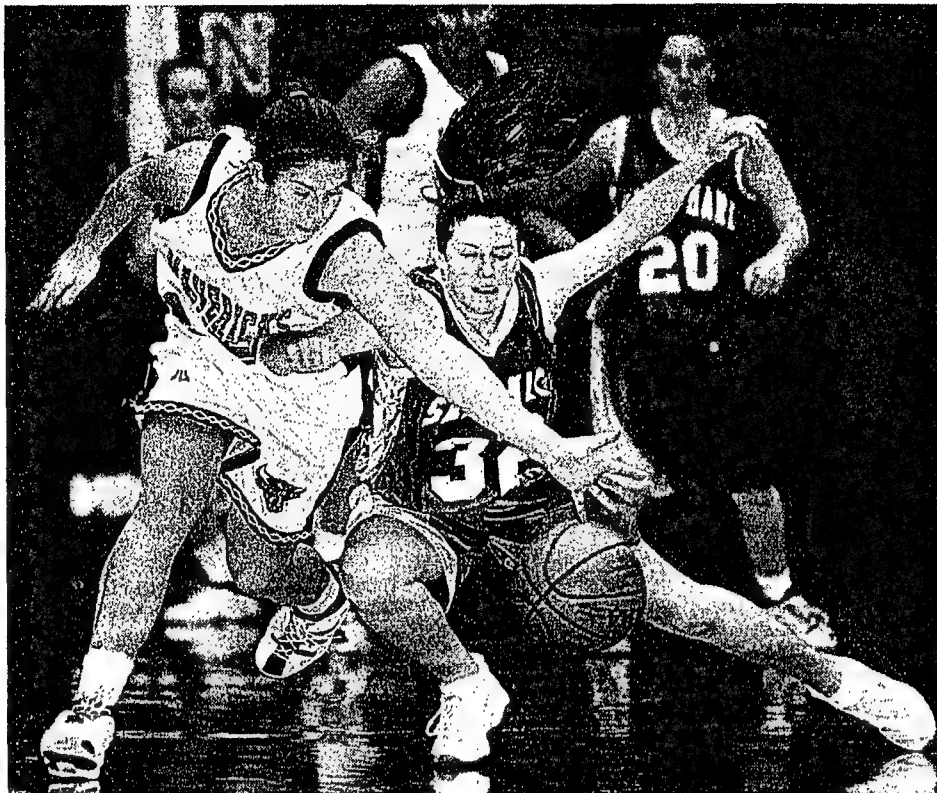
but we knew they weren't very tall and we're pretty big on the roster so we had to take advantage of that," Coach Carlsen said.

The Mavs ended up with ___ points on ___ turnovers and had ___ fast break points.

"Jennifer Mitchell about defense creating offense.

The Mavs shot 49.3 for the game and even though they missed over half their shots they got many of those back with 24 second-chance points and held UCS to just 2.

The Flames were put out shooting just 18.5 percent and putting up just 12 points in the first half. Not exactly "en fuego" in the second half, they nonetheless improved to shoot 19.6 percent for the game. The Mavs had their most complete game of the season and do so just in time heading into NCC Conference play Saturday when Northern Colorado visits Sapp Fieldhouse. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m.

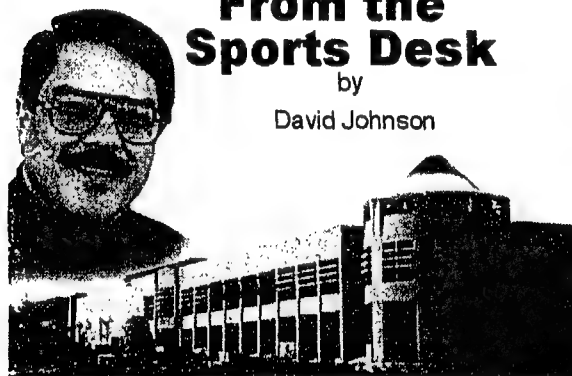


Jennifer Mitchell takes the ball away from College of Saint Mary's Kelly Penke for one of Mitchell's six steals.

CM Chris Machian

From the Sports Desk

by David Johnson



1. In its inaugural Central Collegiate Hockey Association season, UNO hockey come out of nowhere to take Michigan State to the ropes in the CCHA finals. Head Coach Mike Kemp's lads finished 12-17-7 at the end of 1999-2000, staring at an impossible post-season enemy lineup. But, UNO got a "no mas" from Northern Michigan in Marquette, came home to beat, batter and bloody Bowling Green at the Civic, then made mush of Michigan in Detroit. That put the squad into the CCHA finals against the Spartans. UNO fell 6-0, but earned the respect of the entire hockey community.

2. With an undefeated North Central Conference season, Pat Behms' UNO Maverick football team earned the NCC championship and a No. 4 Division II national ranking. After a 24-17 road loss to No. 1 Northwest Missouri State, the Mavs blew

Top Ten Sporting Events of The Year

through Nebraska-Kearney and all nine NCC opponents. The team followed that with a 14-3 play-off win over Pittsburg State, the first playoff victory for UNO since 1984. Behms was named NCC Coach of the Year.

3. In the toughest conference in Division II volleyball, Head Coach Rose Shires' athletes blasted their way to a 27-3 mark and a share of the NCC crown. The No. 5 Mavericks mastered Moorhead in the opening round of the playoffs, but fell to arch-nemesis South Dakota State in the second round, finishing the season with an excellent 28-4 record.

4. Not many people expected Head Coach Don Klosterman's UNO women's soccer team to win the NCC championship, especially in its second year of existence. Guess what ... the Mavericks muscled Minnesota State 3-1 on Nov. 5, burning the top seed for the conference title. After finishing 14-5 in its inaugural season, UNO put together a 16-5 record in Year 2.

5. Senior attacker Tracy Ankeny finished her career as the best to ever don a UNO volleyball jersey. Her final stats read like this: career kills — 1,961 (No. 1 all-time), career attacks — 4,522 (No. 1 all-time), career digs — 1,691 (No. 2 all-time). Ankeny paced the UNO volleyball team to a four-year 102-29 record.

6. Head Coach Mike Denney's Mav wrestling team destroyed all comers, winning the 1999-2000 NCC championship while scoring a record 91 points in the tourney. It was the second straight conference title for Denney, who was also

named NCC Coach of the Year. UNO went on to finish third in the NCAA Division II Championships in Brookings, S.D.

7. While most of you were enjoying a summer vacation in 2000, rookie Head Coach Jeanne Tostenson was guiding her UNO softball team to a 52-14 record and an NCC championship. The team finished fourth in the NCAA Division II regionals. Krista Unger (1.28 ERA) and Michelle Manthei (1.35 ERA) combined for 51 of those wins.

8. Senior running back Adam Wright finished his stellar career No. 1 on the school's all-time rushing list (3,926 yards), No. 1 on the single-season rushing list (1,381) and 17, 100-yard games.

9. Senior shooting guard Mike Simons finished his four seasons at UNO No. 1 on the all-time career three-point field goal list (230), No. 1 on the single-season three-point field goal list (81), No. 2 on the career steals list (183), No. 3 on the single-season steals list (62), No. 4 on the career points scored list (1,387), No. 10 on the single-season points scored list (501), No. 12 on the career field goals list (433), and No. 14 on the career blocked shots list (30).

10. No. 1-ranked in Division II in the 165-pound division, senior Chris Blair finished his superstar career at UNO with 136 wins, No. 3 on the school's all-time list. Blair bested 38 opponents his final season.

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U-Wisconsin Football Player Charged With Felony in TV Theft

TMS — Wisconsin football player Nick Davis was charged Monday with felony retail theft for conspiring with a Best Buy female cashier to steal a \$4,000 television from the store.

Davis, 21, was released on a signature bond Monday morning in Dane County Circuit Court.

A co-defendant, Jenny Manikham, 20, was also charged with felony retail theft.

Madison attorney Christopher Van Wagner represented Davis, a UW junior. Manikham, a UW-Madison freshman, was represented by Madison attorney John Hyland. Both face a \$10,000 fine and up to 15 years in prison.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Davis and Manikham Dec. 19 before Judge Angela Bartell.

According to court records, Davis first allegedly asked Manikham in mid-October if

she could "hook him up" with a TV.

Manikham told Madison Police Department Detective Kevin Linsmeier that she created a purchase order for the 38-inch flat-screen high-definition RCA TV, and falsely noted that a customer paid \$4,008.99 for the set.

She gave a copy of the receipt to Davis, which was used to pick up the set after it was delivered to the store, 2452 E. Springs Drive.

On Oct. 24, the set was delivered to the store and Davis, Manikham and two other women went to pick up the TV. Manikham told police. However, the TV was too big to fit in Manikham's Honda Accord, so Davis called another friend who had a Ford Explorer, which was used to transport the TV.

David Gouran, MPD communications officer, said the police department was originally notified about the situation after Best

Buy's security division did an internal audit and came across a discrepancy with their inventory. After determining when it occurred, they notified police.

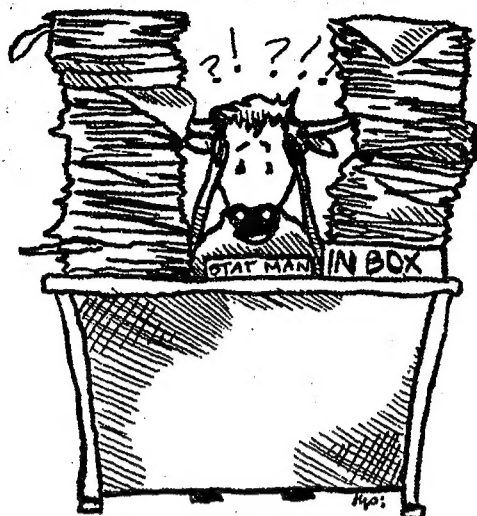
On Nov. 20, Linsmeier went to Davis' apartment, and after being invited in, observed in plain view a large, flat-screen RCA TV.

UW officials learned of the criminal investigation last Thursday, and UW Athletic Director Pat Richter said the department will not act until the case has been settled.

"Right now, he has only been charged. Nothing has happened beyond that, so there probably won't be anything until there is some kind of determination on the conclusion of the case," Richter said.

The team's next game is in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 29.

Statman



The Maverick men's basketball team broke the century mark 10 times in the 1990's. The team's 117 points against Western State this year was the most since the 1979 game against Concordia, Wisc. when UNO tallied 119.

Slowed by injury to just three games played, sophomore center Tanya Hammes is nonetheless averaging a double-double for Head Coach Lisa Carlsen's squad. Hammes is scoring 13.3 points and 10.7 boards per game.

Matt LaRocks The House: Senior grappler Matt LaRock scored his 100th career win last weekend. That puts him No. 13 on the UNO career win ladder. Next up is No. 12 Clark Schnepel with 101.

Freshman goalminder Dan Ellis has racked up 355 saves in his short career at UNO. He'll have a way to go to catch up with the Mavs' all-time leader, Kendall Sidoruk who pushed out 1,656 shots.

How even can a 7-8-1 record be? Going into this weekend's play, the UNO hockey team has scored 45 goals on the season and have given up 45 goals on the season.

Saturday's mens basketball win over Dana College was the Mavs' 13th straight against that opponent. In fact, UNO has never lost to the Vikings (13-0).

Mitchell's Milestones: Junior Jennifer Mitchell 97 career three-point field goals puts her No. 2 on the UNO all-time list. Next up is No. 1 Tricia Floyd with 155. Her 48 three-point shots last season is a school single-season record.

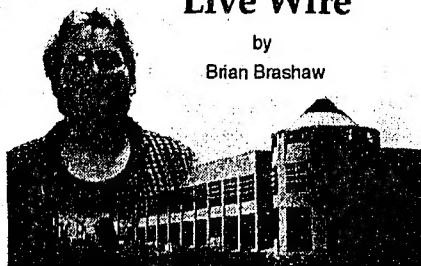
Hoggan's Heroics: Junior iceman Jeff Hoggan has taken over the school lead in career goals (31). Hot on his tail is senior Billy Pugliese (30) and senior Jason White (29).

Down Pat: Senior Patrick Voss's 109 career three-point goals puts him No. 3 on UNO's all-time list. Next up is No. 2 Troy Kloewer (131).

The UNO womens basketball record (1-5) is not due to lack of shooting or rebounding. In fact, the Mavs are out-shooting their opponents .429 to .419 from the floor and .723 to .692 from the charity stripe. Add to that UNO has out-rebounded the enemy 240-217. No, the problem is on defense where the Mavericks have committed 25 more fouls, 41 more turnovers and have had their pockets picked 73 times.

Live Wire

by
Brian Brashaw



Okay, so call me a kid, call me a child, call me a five-year-old. Yet I'm here to openly admit, I still believe in Santa Claus. Yes, I have been told by even my parents that he doesn't exist, but sometimes a guy needs to have an object of the world's creativity to hold onto.

I still have the image in my head that Santa is kicking back at home with Mrs. Claus enjoying an Avalanche game. I would like to say that all I want for Christmas is a Stanley Cup ring, but there is too much to want in the sports world.

So, this is what I am asking the big dog from the North for Christmas. I wish:

The Maverick hockey team would bring home some hardware from the Alabama-Huntsville Holiday Tournament. A nice southern-fried trophy would look great in the case.

The Maverick women's swimming and diving team would be protected from the dreaded swimmer's ear when they return to competition after almost a month away from action.

A certain co-worker of mine would quit yapping about the "Raider Mystique." One good season in the last ten does not revive a mystique that was conjured from nothingness in the first place.

People still hated basketball as much as I do.

The New York Yankees would stop buying the World Series title every year. Just because George Steinbrenner is a rich tyrant is no reason to kiss his brie-eating butt. Sellouts.

Alex Rodriguez would get off his high horse, realize he isn't Mickey Mantle and just play the

Christmas Wish List

game for what his talents are really worth. I think I got a \$20 in my pocket somewhere.

There really was a Bristol University where ESPN personalities taught

classes. Wouldn't it be sweet to take Hockey 101 from Prof. Barry Melrose, or The Art of Player Nicknames with Dr. Chris Berman?

Arenas would quit being named after corporations. The last thing anyone needs is more big business in sports. Props to the fans who don't call arenas by their names. Ex: The Pepsi Center in Denver is called "The Can" and the General Motors Place in Vancouver is called "The Garage" and the MCI Center in D.C. is called the "Phone Booth."

The only running back in the Heisman Trophy race, LaDainian Tomlinson, would win the thing. I understand he plays for Texas Christian, however Tomlinson led the nation in rushing two seasons in a row now, and could be the sole reason TCU is as good as they are. Besides, who wants another over-glorified golden boy to win the honor.

Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly would teach me how to write. The guy is amazing, and me on the other hand, I mean if you're still reading this to the end here, thank you for putting up with it.

Next Live Wire, a full listing of all the sports stars who managed to earn themselves driving under the influence violations over the holiday season.

Seriously though, be safe this season, we still need the loud, crazy college kids to turn up in arenas everywhere.

By the way, all I really want from Santa is my two front teeth. I really need to stop playing hockey.

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Hail to the Mavs! UNO and Clinton in Kearney This Weekend

MELISSA KUCIREK

Senior Staff Writer

When President Clinton is shaking hands and addressing graduates in Kearney this weekend, Head Wrestling Coach Mike Denney and his wrecking crew will be smacking some of the UNK Lopers in Kearney's UNK/Hardees Open tournament.

The Lopers, 1999 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference champs, are coached by Marc Bauer. Bauer is a former three-time All-American himself (1991-1993).

Along with UNO and UNK, the 14-team makeup of competition includes Fort Hays, University of Northern Colorado, Adams State, Central Missouri State, Dana College, UNL, U.S. Air Force Academy, and Oklahoma State.

"This won't be as big as the last two tournaments we've gone to, and it doesn't have all Division I teams," Denney said. "But, it's going to be a good tournament just before Christmas."

UNO is ranked No. 1 in the 2000 NCAA Division II coaches poll. UNK stands at No. 9.

During the Christmas break, the Mavs host the Brand Open on Jan. 6. The tournament takes place all day in Sapp Fieldhouse.

Dear Univeristy Family

As Student President of UNOmaha I want to wish everyone in the univeristy family a happy holiday season.

Will Marunda



Holy Month of Fasting a Welcome Feast for Muslims

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Daily Egyptian, Southern Illinois U.

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. - Abdoul Wane began to prepare for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan nearly a month in advance by cutting down on his coffee intake.

"If I don't drink coffee, I get headaches," said Wane, president of the Southern Illinois University Muslim Student Association. "It is not difficult if you start training for Ramadan 15 to 30 days before."

Wane is one of many Muslims on Southern Illinois University-Carbondale's campus celebrating the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. During the month, Muslims fast every day, from sunrise to dusk. The month is determined by the lunar calendar, from new moon to new moon.

Eating and drinking are not the only prohibited actions during this holy month. Engaging in idle talk and actions, fighting and sex are also to be refrained from.

"It is a month of self-restraint," Wane said. "The sole purpose of the fast is to attain piety and be closer to God."

The Islamic faith includes belief in God, Allah and the prophet Mohammed, charity, prayer and making a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. During Ramadan, charity and prayer are increased, and attaining as many good deeds as possible is recommended.

Wane said fasting is not difficult because he has been "in training" since he was a child. After years of taking part in Ramadan, he says he has become accustomed to it.

The climate has made Ramadan easier at SIUC. The days are shorter during this time of year, which means less fasting time. The word Ramadan comes from the

Arabic word, "ramida" which means intense heat and thirst. Wane said the thirst and hunger is more intense when the weather is hot. Because Ramadan falls at a colder time of the year at SIUC, the thirst and hunger are not as difficult to deal with.

Because Ramadan depends on the cycles of the moon, it falls on different days every year. But because the cycles of the moon change so slowly, it will take decades before Ramadan falls during the summer months.

Classes are not to be compromised during this time of year, even though Muslims are required to pray throughout the day.

"God has permitted us that your classes are important," said Rizwan Hashmi, a doctoral student in plant biology. "If your classes take place while you are supposed to pray, you may make it up a half hour or 45 minutes after the class."

Then after the final day of fasting, Muslims gather at a mosque for prayer and feasting. Gifts are presented, mostly to children.

Muslims believe not only in the religious benefits, but also the medical and social awareness that comes with fasting. Medical benefits include burning out fat from the body as well as cleansing the body of impurities.

"During the fast, people are aware of the blessing that God has bestowed on them with food," Wane said. "You become more aware of poor people who cannot afford food and fast all of the time."

Hashmi said fasting will be rewarded by God for eternity.

"In the Islamic faith, we totally surrender to God's will," Hashmi said. "We feel it's God's blessing for the life hereafter."

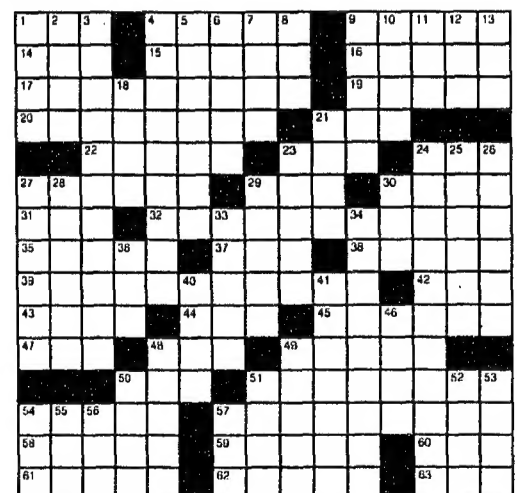
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The Most Ultimate Trivia Challenge: Academy Awards

1. Which 1969 Best Picture winner starred Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman?
2. Steven Spielberg won Best Director in 1993 for which movie?
3. Who won the Best Actor award in 1938 for the movie, "Boys Town?"
4. Vivient Leigh took Best Actress, Kim Hunter took Best Supporting Actress and Karl Malden took Best Supporting Actor for this 1951 film. The biggest surprise was that Marlon Brando did not win Best Actor. What was the name of the film?
5. Sean Connery won Best Supporting Actor in 1987 for which gangster movie?
6. Which 1975 Jack Nicholson film won Best Picture, Best Director (Milos Forman), Best Actor (Nicholson), and Best Actress (Louise Fletcher)?
7. The movie "An Officer and a Gentleman" took one major Academy Award in 1982. Which award was it?
8. Which Oliver Stone war movie won Best Picture in 1986?
9. Which David Lean war movie won Best Picture in 1957?
10. For which movie did Julie Andrews win Best Actress: "The Sound of Music," "Mary Poppins," or "Victor/Victoria?"

Answers

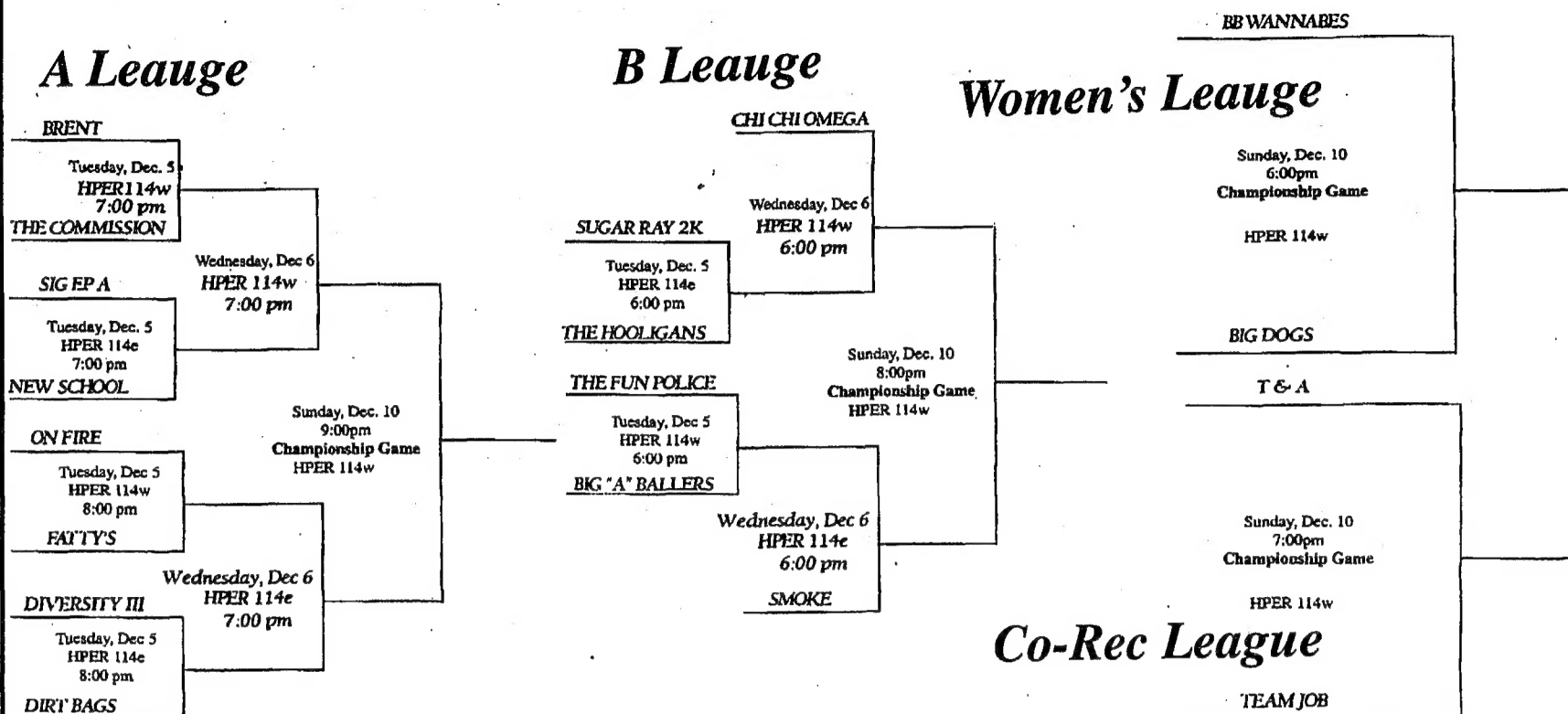
1. "Midnight Cowboy"
2. "Schindler's List"
3. Spencer Tracy
4. "A Streetcar Named Desire" Humphrey Bogart won Best Actor that year for "The African Queen."
5. "The Untouchables"
6. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
7. Louis Gossett Jr. for Best Supporting Actor
8. "Platoon"
9. "The Bridge on the River Kwai"
10. "Mary Poppins" in 1964

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Jewish Groups Across the Nation Rally Against Holocaust Ads

TARYN HODISON

The Maneater (U. Missouri)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. - Ads placed in student newspapers throughout the country show a photo of smoke emerging from a crematorium, with the words, "Proof of gas chambers?"

Bradley Smith has upset some Jewish organizations by placing ads in student newspapers denying the Holocaust happened.

His organization, the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, has spent years attempting to prove there is insufficient evidence to support claims of Nazi gas chambers and a planned Nazi genocide. Smith has begun a campaign to place his ads in many of the newspapers of the nation's top colleges and universities.

The University of Delaware, Michigan State and Penn State are among the schools that have denied Smith's request for ad placement. Smith's ads have been placed, however, in student newspapers at Bucknell, Temple and Iowa State.

Smith also pays for some newspapers to include The Revisionist, his anti-Holocaust publication, as an insert.

Although some members of Jewish organizations such as National Hillel and the Anti-Defamation League said they understand Smith's First Amendment right to seek ad placement, they also said universities are not obligated to place the ads in their newspapers.

"I'm torn," said Kerry Hollander, director of the University of Missouri's B'nai B'rith Hillel. "We, as Americans, must guarantee everyone's right to free speech as long as it doesn't harm other people."

Hollander said Smith is receiving publicity through his campus campaign, which is giving him the attention he wants.

"By even doing a story is giving Bradley Smith a forum for free," Hollander said.

According to Smith's Web site, <http://www.codoh.com>, Smith does not believe gas chambers were used during World War II to kill Jewish people and others and says there is no physical evidence of such chambers. The site states the Germans were responsible for the murder of millions of people but said eye-witness testimony about German war crimes, such as gassing, is false.

On his site, Smith said the camps were a misuse of power but no genocide took place. Smith also said Nazis did not promote the systematic execution of Jewish people or other people deemed undesirable by the Nazi regime.

Despite his reputation, Smith claims he is not anti-Semitic. Jeffrey Ross, an Anti-Defamation League spokesman, however, said he disagrees.

"David Duke claims he's not anti-black either," Ross said. "If he claims he's not anti-Semitic, it's just one small lie to cover up a big lie."

The ad Smith places in newspapers is a quarter-page graphic with smoke used to question everything from the existence of gas chambers to the validity of "Diary of Anne Frank."

One of Smith's ads offered \$250,000 to anyone who could arrange a 90-minute debate between his organization and the Anti-Defamation League on national television.

In the ad, Smith calls the Anti-Defamation League a "mainline Jewish organization" and states the Jewish Defense League threatened David Cole, the director of one of Smith's anti-Holocaust films.

Smith began his campaign in 1991 by placing a full-page ad in The Daily Northwestern of Northwestern University. Since then, Smith has placed his anti-Holocaust ads in about 80 college and university newspapers.

In response to Smith's attempts to deny the Holocaust, Ross said the Anti-Defamation League sends e-mails against the ads to newspapers. The League also has material on its Web site.

MU's Hillel also offers education on the subject.

"Every year, we provide a month of Holocaust activities to show the atrocities committed against Jews, Poles, communists and homosexuals," Hollander said.

Job Market Promising for Dec. Graduates

BRIAN CARTER

The Utah Statesman (Utah State U.)

(U-WIRE) LOGAN, Utah - The employment prospects for students graduating next week is promising, according to the Career Service Center.

"The job market is very good and lots of good opportunities are available," said Melissa Scheaffer, assistant director for Career Services at Utah State University. "The prospects look very good for our students."

In 1999, Scheaffer said 52 of the 3,730 students responding to a graduation survey reported not being employed at graduation nor seeking employment. The key to finding post-graduation employment is to start early, Scheaffer said. Graduating in the spring or fall does not matter much for finding a job, Scheaffer said, but depends more on hard work.

"I tell students a year before they graduate is a good time to start," Scheaffer said. "That way they are better prepared and are

able to take full advantage of our services."

Over the past several years the Career Service Center, located in the basement of University Inn, has helped thousands of students, Scheaffer said. Each college has an adviser who is familiar with opportunities and employers to help students hone interview skills, improve their resume and cover letter, find job listings and suggest options many students were unaware of, Scheaffer said.

"We provide services to students from cooperative internships to career development to graduation employment," Scheaffer said. "We provide cradle to grave services."

Another valuable skill Scheaffer said the center offers is negotiating skills for increasing salary and signing bonuses. One student was able to increase his starting salary and signing bonus significantly because of skills learned through the center, Scheaffer said.

"I have had a lot of help," said Jason Anderson, a student graduating in business information systems. "I highly recommend

to all graduates that a semester before you graduate you schedule a meeting (with the center)."

Anderson said the center helped him create a resume and use e-recruiting. E-recruiting is a newer service provided that allows employers online access to students.

According to Scheaffer, Utah State is the first school in Utah and one of 150 schools across the nation using the service that allows students to post resumes, cover letters and other information online for employers.

"Employers are able to perform customized searches for possible employees," Scheaffer said. "They appreciate the ease and convenience."

"I signed up for interviews with companies I was interested in online," Anderson said. "After interviewing on campus I have had three companies fly me out to locations like Boise, Seattle and Tucson."


Alumni also have the same access to services available to students, Scheaffer said.

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